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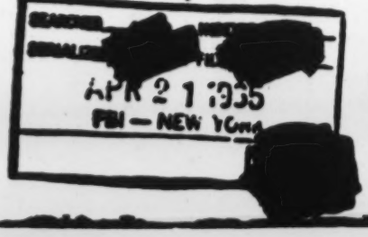

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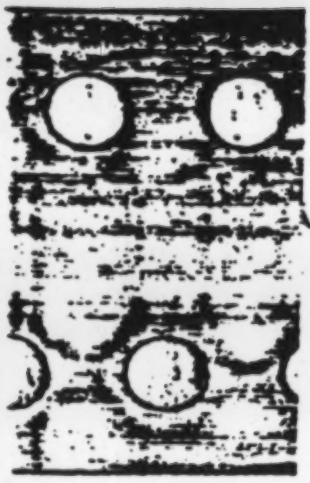

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"This is a fight between a Free World and a Slave World."

VICE-PRESIDENT OF THE U. S.

FREEDOM NOW!

FOR THE DARKER RACES OF THE WESTERN HEMISPHERE

On Tuesday, June 2, natives in the Caribbeans were shot and some killed, demanding a $1.00 a day wage.

WE PROTEST

All out Negro and Latin-American peoples for a free Caribbean,

SUNDAY, JUNE 14 AT 5 P.M.

at Abyssinian Church, 132 West 138th Street

TO DEMAND

1. Guarantees of a free Caribbean.
2. Decent living wage.
3. Negro member of the Caribbean Commission.
4. Reception of a delegation to the White House, Washington, D. C.

SPEAKERS

For the Bahamas: Bishop Fred A. Toote

Virgin Islands: Ashley Totten

Latin America: Vincent Arroyo, Rev. Felipe Sabater

British West Indies: Capt. King, Drs. Pearl Straughn and Lucien Brown

EYE WITNESS: ELLIS WILLIAMS

Chairman:

Councilman Adam Clayton Powell, Jr.

Under the auspices of all Caribbean organizations

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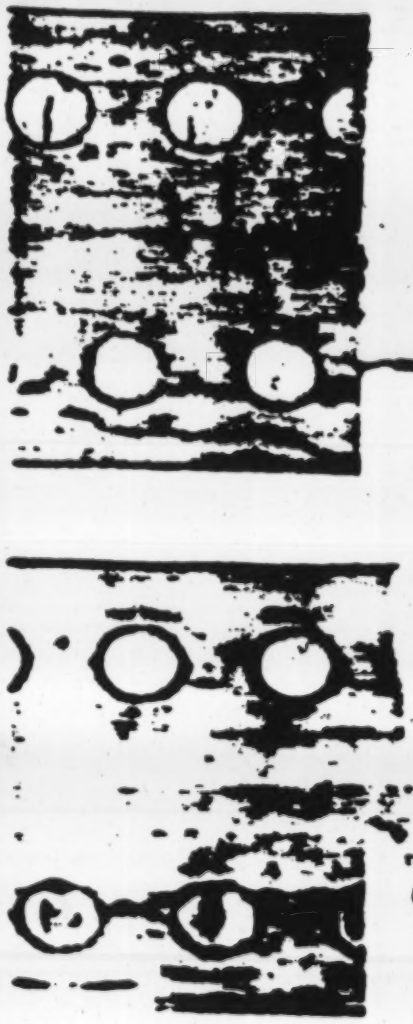

DRIVE TO SMASH POLL TAX GAINS MOMENTUM

WASHINGTON, Mar. 17 The drive to eliminate the poll tax at this session of Congress picked up momentum as 40 congressmen signed a petition to bring the anti-poll tax issue to the floor of the House.

There is still a long way to go, since 218 signatures are required.

But the machinery for a successful drive against the anti-democratic poll tax has already been set in motion.

FORM COALITION

Seven congressmen representing diverse political groups, joined in a formal announcement that they have formed a coalition to repeal the poll tax laws in the South. These congressmen will form a steering committee to guide the measure through the House.

They are Representatives Geo. H. Bender, Ohio Republican; Warren G. Magnuson, Washington Democrat; Thomas E. Scanlon, Pennsylvania Democrat; Joseph A. Gavagan, New York Democrat; William L. Dawson, Illinois Democrat; Vito Marcantonio, American Laborite of New York and Joseph C. Baldwin New York Republican.

Bender will be chairman of the steering committee.

All of these congressmen are united behind the discharge petition to bring H. R. 7, introduced by Marcantonio, to the floor of the House.

They joined in terming the Anti-Poll Tax Bill an "important win-the-war legislation."

The anti-poll tax drive has been greatly spurred by the National Committee to Abolish the Poll Tax.

This committee is coordinating the anti-poll tax drive, and has the support of the CIO, AFL, Railroad Brotherhoods and many church and civic groups.

Delegates to a recent conference here of this committee remained in Washington for a concerted lobbying campaign on Capitol Hill. The work of the delegates contributed substantially to the 40 signatures which have been placed on the petition so far to bring the Anti-Poll Tax Bill to the floor.

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FULL FREEDOM FOR NEGRO TO COME THRU UNIONS, SAYS MURRAY

CIO President Makes Main Address at Howard University Charter Day Fete

WASHINGTON, March 17—Full emancipation of the Negro people "must come through powerful intelligently led labor unions," CIO President Phillip Murray declared in making the main address at a Charter Day celebration of 94-year old Howard University here.

Murray, who was welcomed by Howard President Mordecai Johnson, stressed the fact that CIO offers full equality to all workers in its ranks, "regardless of creed, color or nationality," and declared flatly that "no labor organization, especially in the mass production industries, can hope to survive if it practices discrimination."

Full appreciation of this basic CIO policy was expressed by Johnson, who said in introducing Murray to more than 1000 Howard students, graduates and faculty members:

"In recent years there has risen a great movement of labor solidarity—the CIO. From the beginning it has shown interests in Negro workers, has gained their

San Pedro Housing Bi Quashed B Unionists

SAN PEDRO, M —Trade unions; h project tenants and of took swift action this to quash attempts of a group of Southern hostile fresh spirit against emergency of the Norman ing developments

"Should any disturbanc the peace be occasioned by [illegible] Chairman Guilfi of the city housing ority warned, 'an origi will be requested to move [illegible] ordination in any form, [illegible] sabotage of the w UNITED LABOR Ex

In a special state Californian Eagle, meeting of both CIO ber unions in the h

On the Sidewalk

A demonstration of democratic unity in support of the nation's war for survival was given the whole country last week by the labor people of San Pedro, AFL and CIO, alike.

Immigrants from Texas and Oklahoma, here to work in war industries, found Negroes occupying homes, minus segregation, at the Normont Terrace housing

Street Car Rider to Sue LARY

By Conductor

A Negro L. A. R. Y. passenger charged today that he had been beaten by a conductor of the "3" car line Monday with 'what appeared to be a wrench."

The man was treated at Georgia Street Receiving hospital for injuries. He will file suit against

:UTIVE HERE IS A DAMN LIAR!'

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TLE FOR HOMES

A. CLAYTON POWELL RAPS LOUISIANA GOVERNOR IN SPEECH

"In a recent Saturday Evening Post article, Gov. Sam Jones of Louisiana says that if white American soldiers thought they were fighting for racial equality they would lay down their arms and desert the battle fields . . .

"Gov. Sam Jones is a damn liar!"

This was the stout challenge which fiery Rev. Adam Clayton Powell, New York City Councilman, flung at Dixie reaction Sunday afternoon before a crowded Philharmonic auditorium in an address which climaxed a Unity for Victory Conference sponsored by the Negro Victory Committee, the NAACP and scores of other Negro and white organizations here.

ADAM CLAYTON POWELL

Powell held that only a minority of "poll-taxers, fascists, crack-pots and crackers" maintained the system of Southern race hate and proclaimed that in the interest of victory and national survival Negroes must struggle against them, "for they would rather see the country defeated than Negroes liberated."

Hermon O. Reuston, militant executive of the Golden State Mutual Life Insurance Company, in a brief introductory statement, enunciated a clear victory program for Los Angeles' war working Negro populace.

Reuston urged "utmost unity" with labor, a determined struggle against industrial discrimination and Jim Crow, and stated "above all else we must recognize this as the people's war, our war, and that we must fight through to total victory."

REDDS WENDELL WILLKIE MESSAGE

A sensation was created when Powell brought the loud audience a message from fighting Republican chieftain Wendell Willkie. "Fight war," the New York minister said Willkie had told him recently, "fight that poll tax gang like hell."

THIS IS OUR WAR

Powell charged that powerful interests in the United States opposed the President and the Nation and preferred defeat in the war to a people's victory. "This is our war," he told a cheering audience, "and we don't intend to let anybody take it from us!"

He urged unity with labor and other global minorities in fighting for Negro rights and some

STATEMENT MADE BY PRODUCTION FOR VICTORY CONFERENCE

Parley Called by Negro Victory Committee, NAACP, L. A. Urban League, CIO, AFL

Total mobilization for victory is the chief task to which American people at home are dedicated. The Negro people and other minorities are essential sections of America; and if victory is to come, these minorities must be mobilized to their fullest productive capacities.

This truth has been recognized by the government and symbolized in the President's Executive Order 8802.

We the people and friends of the Negro community of Los Angeles know the military might of the Axis. We know the determination of the dictators. We know that any capitulist peace or appeasement will betray the cause of world security and freedom and open the way for worse warfare.

Therefore we of this community and our friends will make every effort for the total mobilization of this community.

NNC Asks Freedom for Burrows

position of a healthy war economy in which [illegible] is distributed in such a way as to ensure the health, morale and productive efficiency of our war workers.

We will continue to support the trade union movement and organize an educational program for full and complete integration and participation to which Negroes must look for the guarantee of labor's rights. But will fight against any form of discrimination in employment directed against Negroes, Mexicans and other minorities whose loyal participation must be enlisted for the war effort.

We will continue to support the trade union movement and which today hampers our war effort by disenfranchising 10 million Americans in the poll tax states.

Finally, we of this community hold out the hand of fellowship to all democratic loving people of this city for the sacrifice of that understanding which is so necessary for victory and the future peace.

(Conference Committee to draft statement: John P. Hargrove, William Pollard, Joe Oliver, Wolford Wilson, Lou Rosser.)

Accused of Rape Asked of Governor

NEW YORK, Mar. 17 — In a strongly worded telegram to Governor Paul B. Johnson of Mississippi, the National Negro Congress has called for the immediate freedom of George A. Burrows, returned to Mississippi by Governor Thomas E. Dewey of New York, on a trumped up rape charge. The Congress also protested the action of Governor Dewey in sending Burrows back to Mississippi as "another step in the growing alliance of the Poll Tax spokesmen from the South with reactionary Northern Republican interests to destroy national unity", and of the same time called a "Free Burrows" mass meeting in Harlem at the Renaissance Casino for Thursday night, March 18. The statement

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a radical."

Powell asked that Negroes "unpack, purge and concentrate" United Time. Pointedly attacking the Los Angeles Railway Company, he told his vast and enthusiastic audience, "If the L. A. Ry. isn't forced to obey the executive order of the President of the United States, leaders will have come to the West Coast and come to stay. Where is the War Manpower Commission? Where is the War Labor Board? Fight this case! Take it to the courts! Take it to the people!"

During his speech, Powell paid tribute to Rev. J. Raymond Henderson, militant pastor of Second Baptist Church and former New York associate of the speaker, and to Rev. Clayton D. Russell, leader of the fighting Negro Victory Committee here. "These two fellows alone," said Powell, "can turn this town upside

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THE GANDHI FAST VIEWED THROUGH INDIAN EYES

By R. LAL SINGH

Editor India News, Member of Indian National Congress

Gandhi has ended his fast.

"Failure!" cries most of the press in America. With banner headlines above long editorials, many of them indicate great satisfaction.

But it was not a failure of the Indian people. The attention of the whole world has been focused on the necessity for Indian freedom.

Those who try to discredit and oppose the Indian national movement should remember: This war is a people's war. It is a war of liberation. Consequently, every injury or setback to the Indian people, is an injury and a setback to the United Nations, of which India is a part.

Gandhi's fast was a signal to his countrymen, regardless of party affiliations, to rally to the cause of national unity.

Gandhi's fast was a challenge to the Government of India which had falsely charged that there was no basis for unity between the Indian National Congress and the Moslem League.

Gandhi's fast was a call to the people's of the United Nations, the people's of the United States, to help achieve Indian freedom!

Gandhi, through his correspondence with the Viceroy proved beyond the shadow of a doubt that neither with Indian National Congress nor Gandhi himself was responsible for the violence, sabotage and Fifth Column disruption of India's war effort, which has occurred since August 9th, 1942—the date on which Gandhi, Nehru and the other leaders were imprisoned.

And since that date the failure of the Colonial Tories to free India's leaders, their failure to reopen negotiations with them for the purpose of establishing a national government, their failure to involve the Indian people in organized and powerful defense of the Motherland, has had but one result: Sabotage, resistance, bitterness on the one hand, and increasingly harsh wholesale repressive measures on the other, with danger of disrupting of the war effort as the end result.

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...ent of the Los Angeles branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People sounded the unity keynote as he pointed out that the vast ...ajority of the war-working ...ro community demands action on every score.

"The NAACP," he said, "has ...,000 members in a community of 70,000. Obviously, it is unable to solve all the problems of the group. I wish to voice my ...firm support of a united community effort, drawing in all organizations and individuals, to ...t through our urgent problems.

"We are not pushing aside discrimination existing within war plants and unions. Griffith myself directed attention to boundless existing and that dead restrictions wound the war effort through keeping Negro workers into congested and inadequate accommodations.

BLACK NORTH AMERICAN

North American aircraft company came in for a thorough drubbing from rank-and-filers on hand. Discriminatory practices at the Inglewood plant directly limit out-put of vitally needed war planes, workers stated.

It was revealed that North American's president, J. H. Kindelberger, once said that this company would never hire Negroes in other than menial positions "regardless of their qualifications."

When this Hitlerite policy was cracked by President Roosevelt's executive order 8802, attempts at segregation of Negro workers in production, which continue to this day, were undertaken. One Negro worker, whose re-hiring was forced by the CIO, was fired because he spoke to a white woman employee.

BOILERMAKERS IN JIM CROW BLASTED

If any further indication of auxiliary community indignation of the AFL Boilermakers' Jim Crow policy at Cobble, Consolidated shipyards and the Western Pipe and Steel company were required, it was abundantly on hand throughout Saturday's conclave. John R. Hargrove, progressive Negro AFL leader, staunchly struck the Jim Crow policy. He pointed out that Negroes do not oppose AFL as an organization, but only those remaining discriminatory practices carried on by a handful of the major AFL unions. As an example for the Boilermakers, Hargrove pointed to the AFL Hotel Employees union in which unsegregated Negro members hold number offices.

MACHINISTS ON PAN

That the AFL Machinists union at Lockheed Aircraft Company reduces Negro membership was also struck. Support for the California Lodge 727 in its effort to lift the Grand Lodge regulation against Negro participation was voiced.

Keynoter for the Negro Victory Committee was its fighting chairman, Rev. Clayton D. Russell, who proclaimed "Negroes, along with all America's common people, are on the march!"

Atty Marshall Denton was a surprise sensation at the meeting, outlining a vigorous campaign in support of anti-poll tax legislation. "Because we failed to secure passage of this measure in the last session of Congress is no excuse for defeatism, no reason why victory may not come to us in this session. What is required is a grass-roots movement from the masses of people, from us all, each and every one. We must extend democracy during the war for democracy. Passage of the anti-poll tax bill is everybody's business!"

A statement of the Conference deliberations, begun on the front page, to date has been announced for the first meeting of the Victory Council, which has been developed out of the conference.

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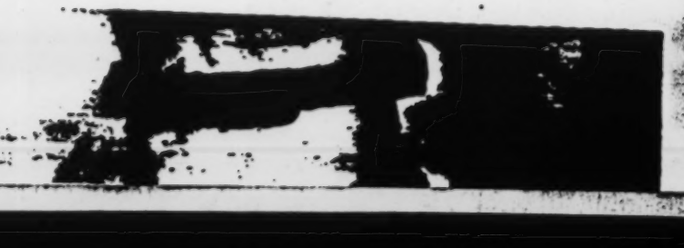

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The seven counties are V...tura, Los Angeles, San Bernardino, Orange, Riverside, San Diego and Imperial with a combined total population of 4,808,000 people.

Under McDonough's plan each county is instructing its planning engineer road commissioner, surveyor and flood control engineer to prepare a report of project needs which will be considered by the engineers of the seven counties together with the Boards of Supervisors.

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...ch has made a record in the ...years, six months of his pas... which is a credit to the ...ist churches, of Los Angeles. ...ough many years of hardship, ...ppings have finally achieved ...ed. God has blessed us, and ...ll seen present to Los An... now, greater and spiritual ...

...We, and our friends, are grateful for our great pastor and his family and interest with Mrs. E. ...ams. We wish him many years ...pastorate in our new Conver... We invite you to come and ...p with us. "Our motto is a ...church."

...sh to thank the many ...ds of the various churches ...for their loyal support. ...Reed, reporter.

BLOCK LEADERS ...LIFORNIA

...FRANCISCO, Mar. 17.—...ock Wise, civilian Defense ...

A. CLAYTON POWELL RAPS LOUISIANA GOVERNOR IN SPEECH

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down."

SIGNIFICANT QUOTES

Significant quotes from Powell's adress, which drew what was actually an unprecedented ovation from his listeners, are stated in the order that they appeared throughout his address:

"Seven years ago I came to the West Coast under the auspices of the Hollywood Anti-Nazi League, and at that time it was considered very radical to speak against the Nazis and fascists.

"Negroes in this country were among the first to understand the theatre of world-wide Hitler damnation because we knew about Hitlerism long before that little paper-hanger was born in Austria.

"Long before the Gestapo, we knew about the Ku Klux Klan.

"And we know today that you can't whip Hitler in Berlin and Tokyo and let him run up and down the streets of America . . .

"The Negro has never been a Fifth Columnist. We are in the first column of democracy . . .

"At the out-break of the war, the Atlantic Charter, the Four Freedoms and the Vice-President's Century of the Common Man speech gave us the hope that dream of our fore-fathers had at last come true. But we soon discovered that we were still unable to work in defense industry, unable to do anything but wash the kitchens and the toilets of the Navy, unable to enlist in the marines, unable to fly an airplane in the air corps.

"But today every door that was then closed is now open.

"I see factories in Cleveland where CIO unions hung idle on idle machines stating "THIS MACHINE WORKS FOR HITLER" because management refused to hire Negroes. We won our victories in defense industry because we fought on the outside and Labor fought on the inside . . .

"Thank God, we are beginning to find new allies among the working people and other minority groups, especially the Jewish people.

"There is a dangerous movement in high places under way to obstruct the rising tide of Negroes, poor whites and trade unions, us, who are the forces of victory in this nation's war for survival.

"First, this movement is reflected in the effort to divide us from our great allies, China and the Soviet. Had it not been for the heroic defense of by heroic Gen. Chiang Kai-shek, ...of the Japanese imperialists would be at the coast of California now. Had it not been for the noble Russian defenses of Stalingrad, Germany would be invading England today. China and Russia have paid with 10,000,000 lives, more than the general combined armies of England and America, to save the world until we were ready to fight.

"Today we still send oil to fascist Spain—oil which ends up in the tanks of Nazi German mechanized equipment in North Africa.

"Second, the men in high places launch an attack against the American laboring people. The National Association of Manufacturers, which does not wish to win this war, used Col. Lindberg until he was no longer useful. Now they're parading around another labor-baiter, and I refer to Captain Eddie Rickenbacker.

"Third, the forces of reaction have launched an offensive against the Negro people of this nation.

"In a recent Saturday Evening Post article, Gov. Sam Jones of Louisiana says that if white Americans soldiers thought they were fighting for racial equality they would lay down their arms and desert the battle fields.

"Gov. Sam Jones is a damn liar."

He speaks for a small, but powerful minority of the people of the South and of the nation. But until this gang is whipped, until Bilbo, Rankin and Dies and all the others are out of the Congress we cannot hope to win the war and certainly we shall fail to win the peace.

"From all this Negro-Americans should draw the conclusion that we are faced with a struggle that will determine our history for the next one hundred years. Upon what this generation does today depends our whole future. If we fail, future generations will damn us. If we succeed, they will praise us to the high heavens. In either case, the decision is ours.

"The first things Negroes must learn is that all white people are not crackers. We will find our allies in the common working class people. We, the Negro people are a race of workers. Our place is side by side with all labor organizations, not only as members, but as holders of important executive positions. Where labor organizations bar Negroes, we must fight our way in.

"Especially may I caution you against the poison of anti-semitism. Brother, you can't hate a Jew and love freedom, even for yourself. The two things won't and can't go together. The Jewish people and Negroes have borne a heavy cross. We must learn to bear it together.

"We must also learn to support all groups and organizations working in the same direction as ours. We must not be afraid of the term radical. Every progressive thinker in the history of the world was a radical. [illegible] a radical, [illegible] a radical, [illegible] of this nation [illegible] Lincoln [illegible]

"When people say to me 'don't associate with those folks [illegible] they're radicals,' I ask them, 'what the hell do you think I am?'

"Negroes have got to be militants. Only militant measures can liberate us. By grant-in-aid or even a draft. The latter we were launched on his back. Until that necessary is gone from my mind, I intend to remain a militant.

"A Negro is either a radical or an Uncle Tom.

"There is one thing we must do. We must remove, purge, exterminate the Uncle Toms from our midst."

OUR WAR

There is a group in Washington trying to delay victory in this war. They are trying to turn back the clock of history. They are trying to shackle Negroes in old blocks. Well, they may do by history for a while, but they will never stop it.

"This is the people's war. It is our war. No proposal to send us 'back' to Africa or anywhere else is going to make us forget that this is our land, and our war is the defense. I repeat, this is our war, the people's war, and no misguided minority is going to send us anywhere.

"There are the principles around which the Negro people rally to day: our war, our land, our people. The world of the common man, everywhere.

"We must struggle now, with all our might, so that America may be made [illegible] part of the people, [illegible] ...ther, by the people, for and ...Gentile, for the people, Protestant and Catholic."

Freedom for Burrows NNC Asks

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of the Congress released by its Executive Secretary, Edward E Strong, follows in full:

"The extradition of George A Burrows to the lynch ridden state of Mississippi by Governor Thomas E. Dewey of New York represents another step in the growing alliance of the poll tax spokesmen from the South with reactionary Northern Republican interests to destroy national unity through which alone the war can be successfully prosecuted, and the freedom of oppressed minorities won. It is of immediate concern, therefore, to the Negro people, the organized labor movement, and other progressive forces in our country that mass protests be made to Governor Dewey [illegible] of Mississippi, calling for the unconditional release of Burrows, and for the prosecution of his Mississippi attackers."

"The Burrows case arose over the usual charge on the part of a Southern woman that Burrows attempted to kiss and rape her. Upon being given this false information, two white men physically attacked and beat Burrows, one of whom was shot in the fight that resulted. The charge of rape is false from beginning to end. As a matter of fact, Burrows was illegally caught and beaten without cause, endeavored to defend himself, and finally sought refuge in the North."

- During 1942, twice as many workers in the lumber and saw mill industry quit their jobs as the national average job separation for all industries.

At least one million cosmetic fireplace grates will be manufactured this winter for coal burners, saving 30,000 tons of cast iron.

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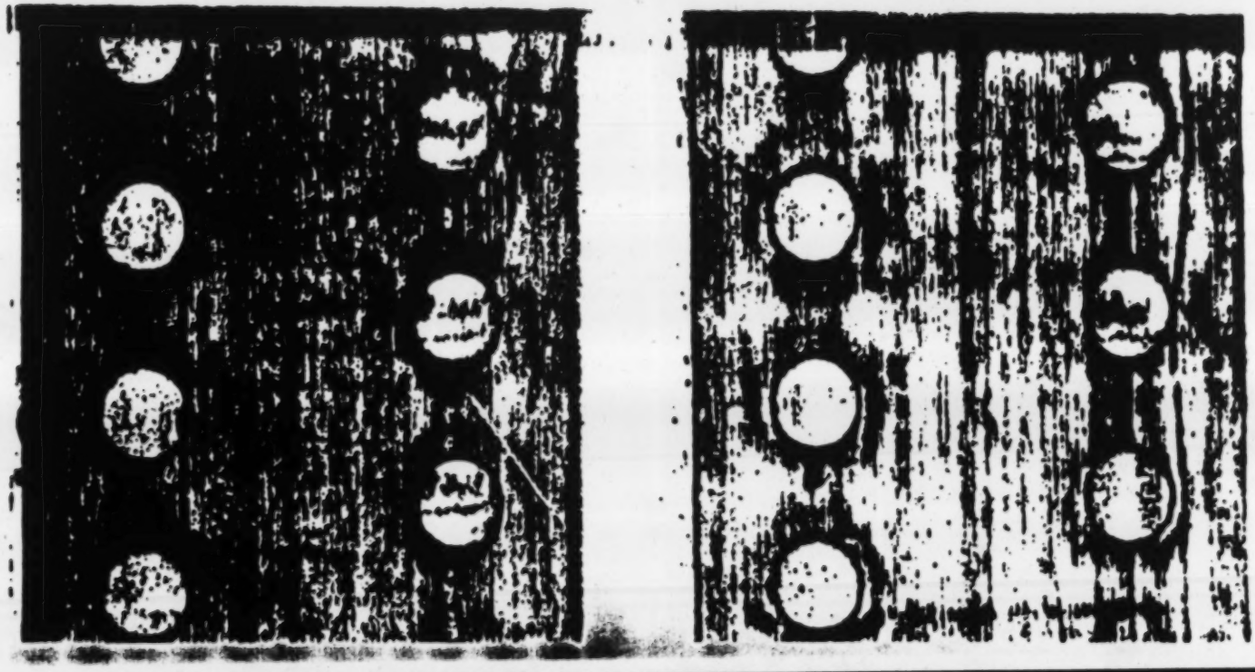

ELECTION DAY, NOVEMBER 2nd, 1943

On the Voting Machine

VOTE ON THE AMERICAN LABOR PARTY LINE FOR

FRANCIS E. RIVERS

FOR JUSTICE OF THE CITY COURT

On the Paper Ballot

Write a figure 1 before the name of **EUGENE P. CONNOLLY**

1	EUGENE P. CONNOLLY	American Labor

***Be sure you get the* Paper Ballot**

How to Vote
For CITY COUNCIL

1. **Ask at the poll for a paper ballot. One of the clerks should hand it to you.**

2. **Mark the figure 1 in the square in front of the name of Eugene P. Connolly. If there are other candidates you favor, mark 2, 3, 4, etc., in the squares in front of their names. Under no circumstances put the same figure in front of two names.**

3. **Put your ballot in the ballot box.**

POLLS ARE OPEN FROM 6 A.M. TO 7 P.M.

Take This Guide With You to the Polling Place

Vote

ON

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TO

END DISCRIMINATION

IN

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Elect These

AMERICAN LABOR PARTY

CANDIDATES

FRANCIS E. RIVERS

FOR JUSTICE OF THE CITY COURT

EUGENE P. CONNOLLY

FOR COUNCILMAN

These candidates are pledged to oppose discrimination in every form in the offices to which they are elected.

Your vote for them is a vote to banish Jim-Crow in all its myriad forms from the City Court and from the City Council.

Your vote for them is a vote for decency and fairness to all, for justice in the courts, for a fight in the City Council on behalf of all the people.

Your vote for them is a vote for public housing available to all, for better community services, especially in the congested Harlem area.

Your vote for them is a vote for a roll-back of prices, effective rent control, proper care of children of working mothers.

Your vote for Rivers is a vote for proper recognition of the position of Negroes in public office.

Your vote for Connolly is a vote to make the City Council a body truly representative of the people of New York and responsive to your needs.

These Men Say: *Elect* RIVERS *and* CONNOLLY

Mayor
F. H. LaGUARDIA

Councilman
REV. ADAM CLAYTON POWELL

Congressman
VITO MARCANTONIO

Issued by: New York County Committee, American Labor Party 16 EAST 41st STREET, NEW YORK 17, N. Y.

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THE UNIVERSITY OF VERMONT
BURLINGTON, VERMONT

Religious Life Committee

Raymond A. Hall
Executive Secretary
Phone 3000-348

March 8, 1944

Dr. Adam Clayton Powell, Jr.
210 West 125th Street
New York, New York

Dear Doctor Powell:

We are indeed glad that you find that you will be able to speak at the University convocation Thursday, April thirteenth. We shall be counting on your meeting with several other groups during that same day. The convocation takes part of one hour in the middle of the day. We shall send you an outline of the plans for the day in good season.

We have had a letter from a Miss Margaret Hood, of Middlebury College, who had seen you in New York and made tentative arrangements for a stop at Middlebury on your way to us. We shall be most happy to cooperate with them in any plans they may be making for the preceding or following day.

With best wishes--

Sincerely yours,

Raymond A. Hall

Raymond A. Hall

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Postal card sent out by upper Harlem Section of Communist Party announcing Rally at Golden Gate Ballroom on 5/7/44 ADAM CLAYTON POWELL, JR. BENJ. DAVIS & EARL BROWDER, speakers.

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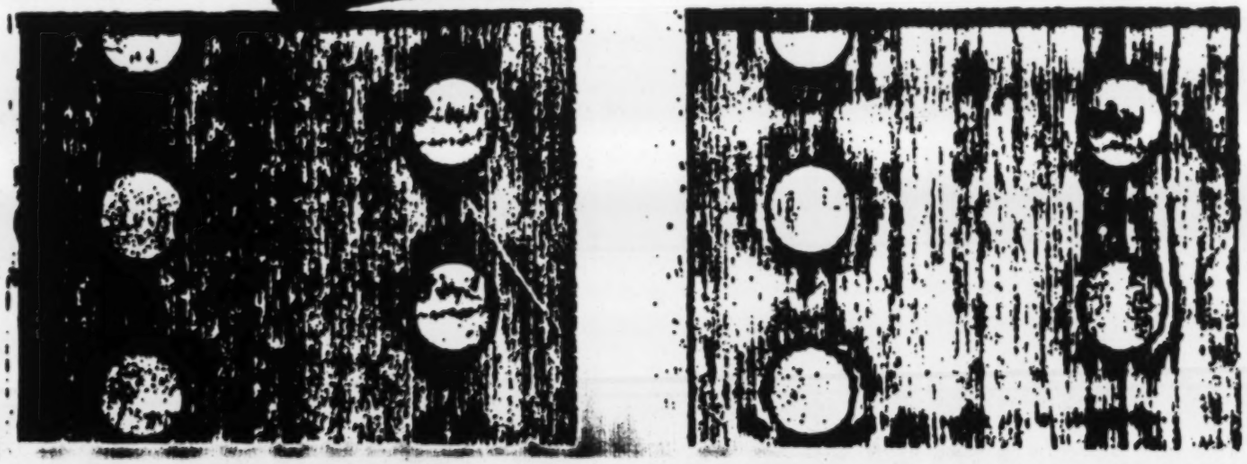

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3PM Golden Gate

GET SET FOR THE BIG DAY !!.
Councilman Benjamin J. Davis, Jr.
Rev. A.D. Powell, Jr.
Paul Robeson
and MANY OTHER WORLD

making his first public appearance
in L.A.C. Benjamin J. Davis, Sr.
political leader of Georgia &
father of Councilman.

Also ace[illegible]sie, Josh White,
Billy Eckstine, Mary L. Williams,
stars from Motion Jones and many more.

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Don't be left out in the cold!
Get your tickets right away!

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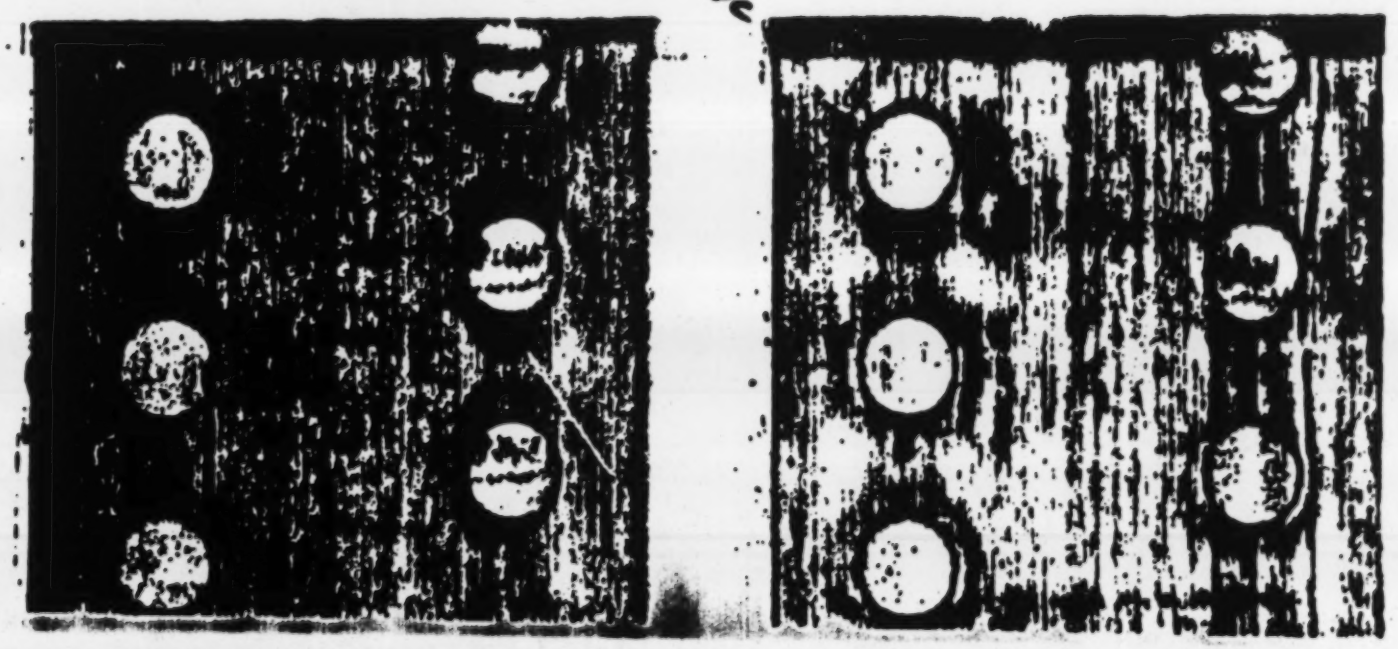

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Send 1st Harlem Negro to Congress

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BENJAMIN J. DAVIS, SR.
Republican Leader at Atlanta, Georgia

BENJAMIN J. DAVIS, JR.
City Councilman, Reports to the people

A. CLAYTON POWELL, JR.
Our Next Congressman

EARL BROWDER
On the Negro and the Post-War World

ADAM CLAYTON POWELL, JR.

America's Top Artists

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Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
San Antonio, Texas
March 16, 1942

Special Agent in Charge
New York, New York

Indexed Re: ADAM CLAYTON POWELL
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

Dear Sir:

There is attached a copy of a memorandum concerning the above-captioned subject submitted by a confidential informant of the Bureau who is presently in San Antonio.

It is desired that any information concerning POWELL'S affiliation with the Communist Party be furnished to the San Antonio office at once.

Very truly yours

M. W. ACERS
Special Agent in Charge

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New York, New York.

March 21, 1942.

Special Agent in Charge
San Antonio, Texas.

RE: ADAM CLAYTON POWELL
INTERNAL SECURITY (C)

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter dated March 16, 1942 in the above entitled matter in which you request information concerning POWELL's affiliation with the Communist Party. There are being listed as follows the alleged Communist Front organizations with which POWELL is affiliated:

Member of the National Advisory Committee of the American Youth Congress, 1938; member of the International Relief Association, 1941; sponsor of the New York Conference for Inalienable Rights for 1941; member of the People's Committee Against Hearst of the American League Against War and Fascism, 1937; member of the Committee of the Greater New York Emergency Conference on Inalienable Rights in 1940; endorser of the Teachers' Union of the City of New York in 1939; candidate for City Council on the American Labor Party, 1941; sponsor of the American Youth Congress Day at the World's Fair in 1940; sponsor of the Congress of New York Youth in 1940; sponsor of the New York State Conference on Legislation for Democracy, 1941; [illegible] [redacted] [illegible] Citizens' [illegible] National [illegible] Committee for Democracy, 1940; [illegible] Committee for the [illegible] Newspapers' Week [illegible]

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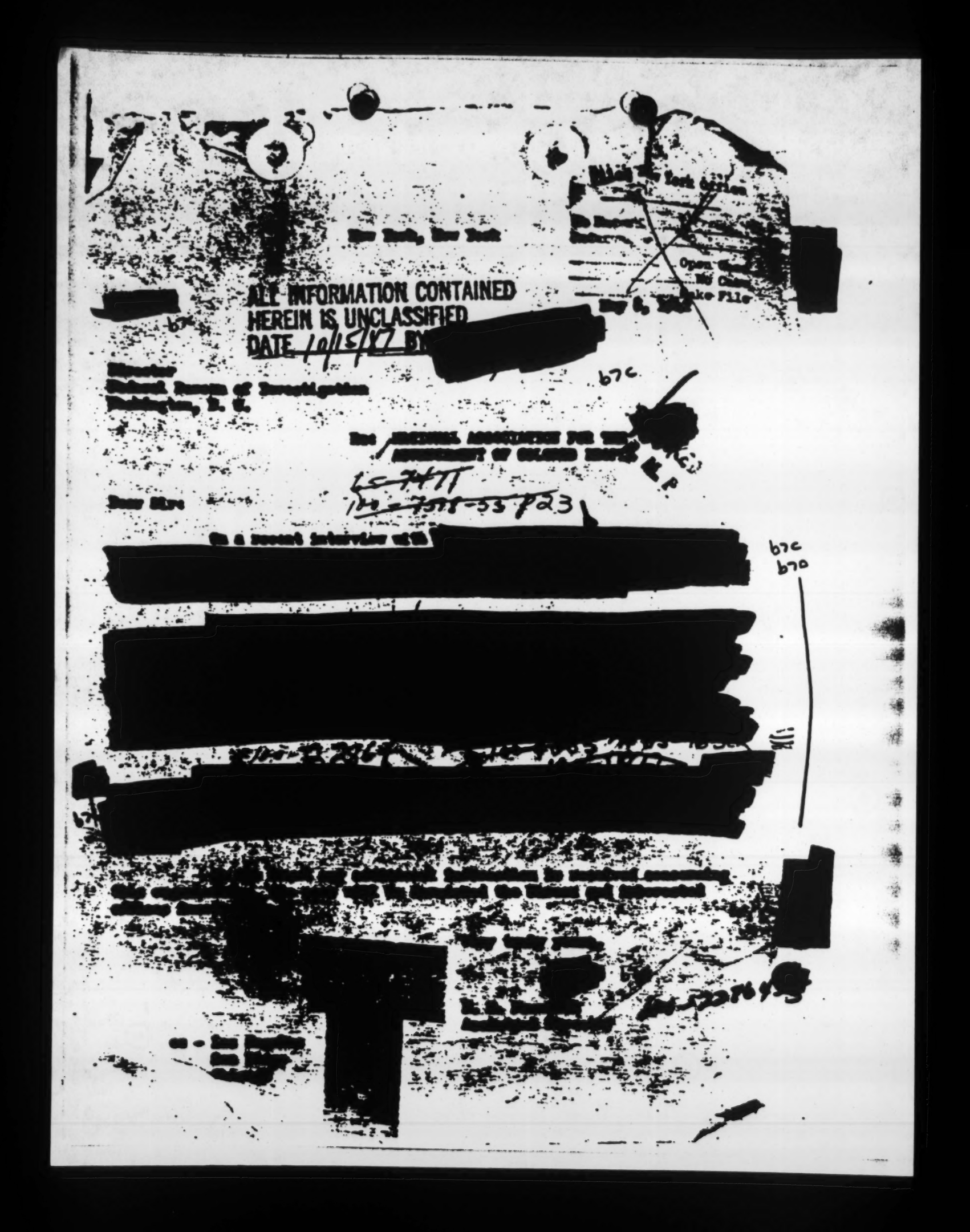
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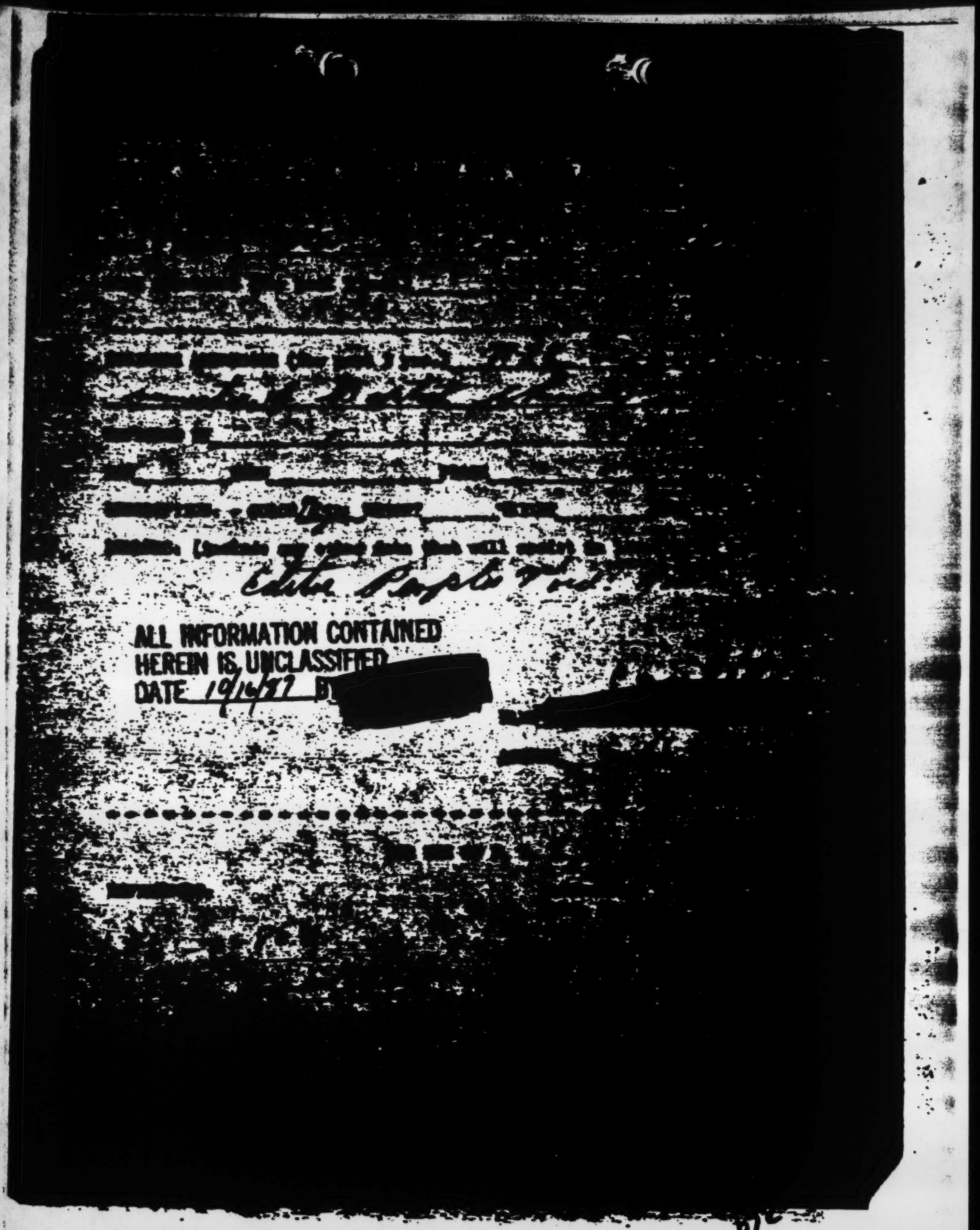
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August 13, 1942

Subject: WEEKLY TRENDS

NEGRO

The outstanding event of the week relating to the negroes was the publication by the New York Daily News (August 11) of the story that Army and Navy officials would declare Harlem out of bounds for service men as an anti-vice measure. This gave both the Amsterdam Star-News and the Peoples Voice a choice issue. Peoples Voice featured a picture of its managing editor picketing a news stand while the Star-News gave a six column head to "Harlem no vice area said Army". Both papers denounced the "attempted smear" while stressing the charge that it was only part of the general maltreatment of negroes.

The current issue of Peoples Voice is called "Unity for Victory Issue". Aside from giving the Voice a chance to get some paid greeting advertising - for the most part from Communist controlled unions - there is almost no trace of "unity" in the issue. On the contrary A. Clayton POWELL, in a signed editorial discussing "Unity", states: "These are days of many conflicting loyalties. The only way the conflict can be changed to cooperation is to have but one loyalty, rising higher than all the others. Loyalty to the masses, to the people. The politically inflamed Negro people can be emancipated. They can be emancipated now. This is our golden opportunity. We must not let is pass. We can go forward, must go forward, will go forward. Unity for Victory abroad - Unity for Victory at home." It is becoming crystal clear that just as the leaders of India are using the war danger as an opportunity for demanding that British officials be replaced by Hindu leaders, so some American negroes are using the emergency as an opportune time to revise conditions which have evolved over a period of two hundred years of American development.

In this situation POWELL holds a unique place. For POWELL is one of the outstanding advocates of negro first - war later. A large part of the support of POWELL - which he reciprocates - comes from the Communist Party which is fully behind the war and everything else later. In order to maintain its standing among the negroes the Communists have had to go much further to the left than with other groups they have sought to influence. But even so POWELL is considered a difficult problem for them. They solve this problem by having him speak at their meetings and

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by contributing advertising to his paper. There is however no evidence that the Communists have tried to aid the sale or distribution of Peoples Voice as they would have done if its policy coincided with theirs.

During the week James THORNHILL, a negro, was fined ten dollars for having made anti-British and anti-Semitic remarks. THORNHILL is listed as being a disciple of Marcus GARVEY, late "President of the African Republic".

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Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
San Antonio, Texas
August 17, 1942

Special Agent in Charge
New York City, New York

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Re: ADAM CLAYTON POWELL
INTERNAL SECURITY C

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Dear Sir:

Reference is made to our letter of March 16 and your reply of March 31, 1942, in which mention was made of the subject's appearance in San Antonio from February 22, to March 5, 1942.

In connection with the subject's appearance in San Antonio [redacted] was interviewed.

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In view of the fact that subject never resided in this territory, and only spent a few days doing revival work in San Antonio, the above information concerning the subject's activities is being referred to your office for your information and this case is being closed by the San Antonio Field Division.

Very truly yours,

M. W. Acers

M. W. ACERS [redacted] b7c
Special Agent in Charge

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

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Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

100-51230 August 26, 1942

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Special Agent in Charge
New York, New York

RE: REVEREND ADAM CLAYTON POWELL, Jr.
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

Dear Sir:

The Bureau desires that it be advised as to the exact status of this case at the present time.

Very truly yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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Date: October 7, 1942

To: SAC, NEW YORK

From: J. Edgar Hoover - Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

Subject: REVEREND ADAM CLAYTON POWELL, JR.;
INTERNAL SECURITY - C.

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You are requested to advise by return mail the exact status of this case.

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Federal Bureau of Investigation

United States Department of Justice
510 Trust Company Building
New Haven, Connecticut
October 6, 1942

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BY 10/19/[redacted]

Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D.C.

Re: NEGRO DISCRIMINATION CONFERENCE
INTERNAL SECURITY (C)
Bureau File No.100-52945

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Dear Sir:-

Reference is made to the Bureau letter dated September 26, 1942, requesting that arrangements be made for appropriate coverage of the above captioned conference. In accordance with these instructions Special Agent [redacted] of this office was in attendance under the pretext b7c
of being a [redacted] b7E
A complete report of the meeting is being written in the case entitled "CONNECTICUT CONFERENCE OF SOCIAL AND LABOR LEGISLATION", New Haven File No.100-1804.

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A summary of the remarks of Reverend ADAM CLAYTON POWELL is set out below and enclosed herewith are press releases on the meeting which were taken from local newspapers.

100-77878

Reverend ADAM CLAYTON POWELL, a member of the City Council of New York, and publisher of the People's Voice, a Negro newspaper in New York City, was the main speaker at the Conference to End Discrimination in New Haven which was held at the Labor Temple in New Haven on October 4, 1942 at 2:00 P.M.. Reverend POWELL prefaced his remarks by reminding his audience that he was a native of New [redacted] and felt it a high honor to attend and give his stand on the subject of discrimination. He spoke of the great opportunities which the new era held in store for the colored race, but that the fight had just begun. Frequent reference was made to the "Uncle Toms" throughout the country who sought to deny the Negro the right to vote and the right to apply his skills in the war effort. He also referred to "Crackerocracy" in the South and held it out as great an evil as Hitler. This "Crackerocracy" he stated was also widely practiced in the North and as an [redacted]

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emphasis compared Hartford, Connecticut, with Atlanta, Georgia.

He spoke of the poll tax evil which denied ten million Negroes in the South the right to vote and denounced the element in Congress who were striving to defeat the present Poll Tax Bill and how they had arranged to have the vote taken on Columbus Day, October 12, in hopes that most of the members of Congress would be absent. He strongly urged his listeners to write their Congressmen and Senators and demand that they be present, saying, "We want to know who is for us and who is against us."

He praised the magnificent resistance of the Russians and Chinese against aggression and urged full support of the "Freedom for India" movement. He pointed out that the Negro was denied his rightful place after the last war but if they would all unite and demand their equal rights they would come into their own upon the victorious conclusion of the present conflict. Reference was made to the gains which had already been accomplished but it had not been done by going to the back door with hat in hand; rather by presenting a united front to those who sought to deny them their rights.

He spoke of certain elements in Congress who were not cooperating with the President's war program and made several derogatory remarks concerning Congressman MARTIN DIES and his Committee.

Local instances of discrimination were brought to light and particular emphasis was placed upon the West Hills Defense Housing Project in Westville, Connecticut, stating that they must see to it that access to these homes was not denied the colored people.

In conclusion Reverend POWELL referred to certain high ranking members of their race who seemed to have forgotten their colored brothers, and no longer furnished the leadership which was expected of them. He stated, however, that the colored masses were rising and on the march, and they were inviting all their colored brothers to join them, but if they did not want to then all they asked was that they step aside because, "Brothers and Sisters — We're going through".

It should be noted that the speakers address was greeted by the colored audience in attendance with great enthusiasm. So loud was the applause that he frequently had to stop and let it subside.

Very truly yours

R.H. SIMONS
Special Agent in Charge

cc: New York
New Haven File 100-35
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POWELL, Rev. A. Clayton
New York City

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Ref: Various cards, same subject

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Subject was a Patron of the Congress of American-Soviet Friendship held on November 7 & 8, 1942, in New York City of which Corliss Lamont was chairman. Rating A.

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New York, New York

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January 27, 1943

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Director, FBI

Re: NATIONAL NEGRO CONGRESS;
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Dear Sir:

There are being transmitted herewith, two copies of the report of

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This office will endeavor to verify informant's information that

[redacted] will be notified.

Two copies of informant's report are being retained in the files of instant case in the New York Field Division.

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ON 10/16/97

Very truly yours,

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T. J. DONEGAN
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New York, New York

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Dear [redacted] b7c b7D

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Sincerely yours,
For the Director

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Edward A. Tamm
Assistant to the Director

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POWELL, Rev. A. Clayton, Jr. 3ND
New York City

Ref: (a) 3ND card, 11-16-42, AMERICAN ROUND TABLE ON INDIA
(b) Various cards, same subject

Reference (a) indicates that Subject is a member of the American Round Table on India.

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Information was received from the AND that A. Clayton Powell, a member of the Advisory Board of the Japanese-American Committee for Democracy, addressed the HARLEM CLUB dinner on 12/2/42 on the subject, "Is the Negro better off or worse off since Pearl Harbor?" Powell described gains by Negroes as "break throughs" and "surface gains" and stated that these gains had only been obtained through Negro protest. Powell urged audience not to be lulled into a sense of false security and cited alleged indignities to which he and his party had been subjected while in Washington, D.C., during poll tax discussion. Powell stated "the world is finished with the British system," and added that Wendell Wilkie is the only world citizen who really believes that the Atlantic Charter and the Four Freedoms should be effected. Although the audience consisted of leading Negro educators and civil leaders, the speaker was frequently interrupted by hysterical outbursts from the audience. Shouts of "amen", "give out", "our man", and "lead on" were heard. Powell urged the audience to seek strong leadership and to join Negroes of other cities "on the march." Theodore Spaulding, Negro lawyer, accepted Powell's challenge on behalf of Negroes present.

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This information obtained from report of ONI submitted at the Weekly Conference held in New York City December 31, 1942.

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United States Department of Justice
NEW YORK, NEW YORK

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January 21st, 1943

MEMORANDUM FOR THE FILE:

RE: ADAM CLAYTON POWELL [redacted] b7c
INTERNAL SECURITY

I telephonically contacted the above captioned individual at about 1:15 PM today, requesting an appointment for this afternoon or for Friday. Mr. POWELL advised that his calendar was complete for today and that any time tomorrow would be satisfactory.

However, he stated that he would be in the neighborhood of lower Manhattan on Saturday morning, January 23rd, 1943, and if I desired, he would be willing to come to this office to talk to me. This was a voluntary suggestion on his part and I agreed that this would be satisfactory.

[redacted]
Special Agent

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Federal Bureau of Investigation

United States Department of Justice

Los Angeles, California

March 19, 1943

SAC, New York

Re: REVEREND ADAM CLAYTON POWELL
INTERNAL SECURITY - R

Dear Sir:

Enclosed is a copy of the "California Eagle" of March 17, 1943, Negro newspaper published at 4075 South Central Avenue, Los Angeles, by CHARLOTTA A. BASS, Negress. This leading West Coast Negro newspaper is consistently Communistic in tone, and CHARLOTTA A. BASS has stated editorially that she is in accordance with the views of the Communist Party.

Of interest to the New York Office is an article appearing on the front page of instant newspaper regarding Reverend ADAM CLAYTON POWELL, Negro, of New York City, who spoke in Los Angeles on March 14, 1943, under the auspices of the Negro Victory Committee and other organizations.

The Negro Victory Committee, a Los Angeles group [redacted] distinctly Communistic in leadership and personnel. b7c

Very truly yours,

R. B. HOOD
SAC

Enclosure

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FOR VICTORY BUY

...CLAYTON POWELL...VEREMENT ...DENUNCIATION OF 'HITLERS'; SAYS CITY A FASCIST 'HOT BED'!

POWELL

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United States Department of Justice

Post Office Box #2118
Detroit, Michigan
April 23, 1943

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Nat'l. Negro Congress

SAC, New York

Re: Rev. A. CLAYTON POWELL, JR.
CUSTODIAL DETENTION - C

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100-22864

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Dear Sir:

Attached hereto is a clipping taken from the Detroit Tribune of April 10, 1943, concerning a speech by the above-named Subject made recently in Detroit.

It is being forwarded to your office for whatever use you may deem advisable.

It may be mentioned that the Tribune is a negro newspaper in Detroit.

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Very truly yours,

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JOHN S. BUGAS, SAC

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POWELL, Jr., A. Clayton [redacted] SMD
New York City (Evaluation: True)

Ref: Various cards, same subject.

Subject, negro editor of Peoples Voice, pro-Communist negro weekly, is listed in the issue of April 17, 1943 as having been invited to attend Army maneuvers in Louisiana late in April and early in May. Subject who is a New York City Councilman has been connected with numerous Communist meetings. Peoples Voice has recently changed its management and Max YERGAN, prominent negro Communist has become

(4-14-43)

POWELL, Jr., A. Clayton [redacted] SMD
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Treasurer of the paper, while Ferdinand SMITH of the National Maritime Union now edits a column on labor.

Ollie HARRINGTON, staff cartoonist who has drawn pictures which disparaged the relation of the war effort to the negro, is listed to go with POWELL on these maneuvers.

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234 U. S. Court House
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Mr. A. Clayton Powell, Jr.
Chairman
The People's Committee
132 West 138th Street
New York, N. Y.

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Dear Mr. Powell:

I wish to acknowledge receipt of your letter of June 18, 1943 requesting this office to make an investigation of the background of the Hempstead Long Island Review-Starr in connection with an editorial item which you enclosed and which appeared in that newspaper on April 13th last.

I wish to advise you that this matter has been referred to the Department of Justice through our headquarters in Washington, D. C.

Very truly yours,

E. E. CONROY
Special Agent in Charge

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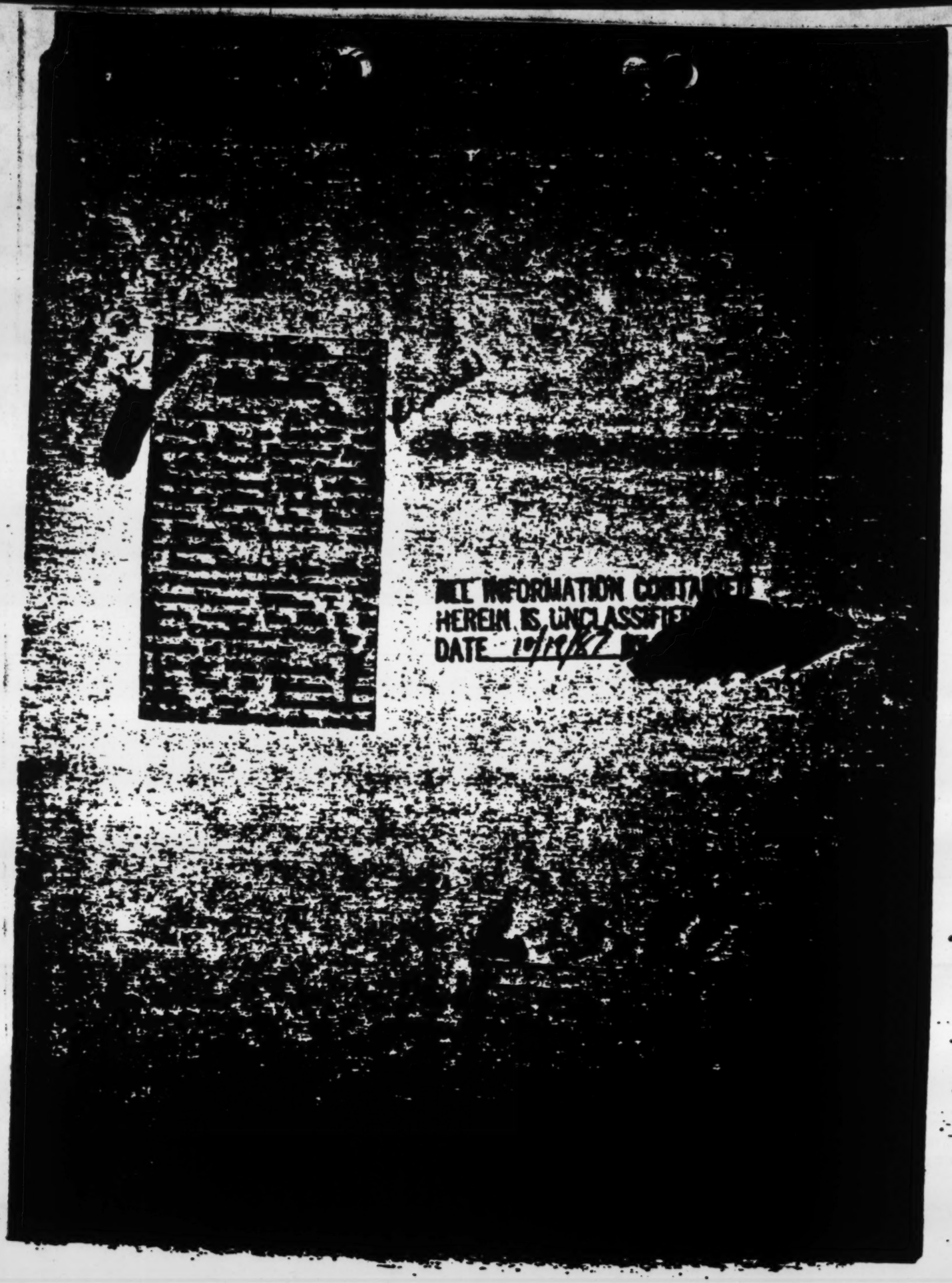
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November 26, 1943

MEMORANDUM:

Re: DR. A. CLAYTON POWELL

[redacted] called me from the Bureau at 5:10 p.m. and requested that we arrange to have [redacted] radio program entitled "The News and What to Do about it" recorded. This program emanated from Station WLIB at 6:[redacted] p.m. [redacted] advised me that the station was listed at 1600 kilocycles. He further requested that [redacted] be advised at the Bureau immediately after the broadcast as to a summary of the matter.

In spite of the fact that only fifty minutes notice was given, and that we were furnished the wrong frequency (WLIB is actually on 1190 kilocycles) the recording was made. Dr. A. CLAYTON POWELL who was supposed to speak on the program did not appear. The content of the program which dealt with the inter-racial problem was called to [redacted] at the Bureau as requested immediately after the program.

Submitted by [redacted]

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POWELL, Jr., ADAM [redacted] SND
Clayton
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Subject's name appears on a list of sponsors of the Citizens' Non-Partisan Committee to elect Benjamin J. DAVIS, Jr., Communist Party candidate for the New York City Council from Manhattan.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE FILE

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RE: THE FORUM MEETING HELD
NOVEMBER 28, 1943
LECTURER - ADAM CLAYTON POWELL

On November 28, 1943, the sixth in the series of Forum Lectures conducted under the sponsorship of the Communist Party-sponsored Philadelphia School of Social Science, was held at the New Century Club, 124 South 12th Street, Philadelphia. This meeting was attended by Special Agents [redacted] and [redacted] of the Philadelphia Office. The guest lecturer at this meeting was ADAM CLAYTON POWELL, negro Communist sympathizer of New York City. b7c

Some six hundred people attended this particular forum and a more than usual number of colored people were noted in attendance. POWELL commenced his discussion by describing the situation of the American negro at the conclusion of the Civil War. He illustrated how the American negro was thrown into a situation for which he was not prepared and that subsequently the Southern whites gained mastery. Since that time the negro in the South has been held in subjugation. POWELL stated that the period from 1880 until 1920 could be best described as the negro wandering in the wilderness. He stated that during this period no negroes were elected to any political positions and that although negroes played a prominent part in World War I, they returned to this country to be confronted with racial prejudices. He stated that this was followed for some time by a feeling of bitterness and frustration on the negroes' part. The negro never had a sense of inferiority complex, he stated, but only possessed a sense of defeatism. This, he stated, resulted from the actions of the whites to keep the negro in his place.

POWELL claimed with the coming of World War II, the negro became of age and realized that there were others in the world undergoing the same castigation as he. He stated that the war began as a white man's war, but that the millions of people in China whose valiant opposition to the Japanese has won them a place in the world, decided against this. He stated also that the war was first looked upon as a Christian war, but that the thousands of people of the Jewish faith who first suffered under Nazi tyranny made this term unusable. He stated then the assertion was brought out that this war was to make the world safe for democracy. POWELL claimed that the negro asserted that we must clean up our own backyard first and that we could not defeat Hitler abroad and not curb him at home. POWELL illustrated that at the beginning of this war there were no negroes in the Marine Corps and no negro served in the Navy except in the menial position of messman; in the Army he stated the negro regiments were in charge of only white officers. Today,

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POWELL claimed that this condition has been reversed and that there are negroes in the Marines, the Air Force and the Navy, manning the guns, and that in the Army colored officers are commanding negro troops and that one of the negro soldiers is a brigadier general.

Continuing, POWELL stated that the war has already let loose a force upon the world that is beyond the power of our leadership to recall. He stated that neither the President, the Senate or anyone else in the United States could now curb the powers that have been generated by this war. He stated further that the peoples of China, the peoples of India and the negroes of the United States have tasted freedom for the first time in their life and that they would not go back to breathing the stagnant, bastardly air of second-class citizenship.

It has been noted in the recent past at various forums that nationally prominent Communists have attempted to place the Department of State in a ridiculous light. This policy was apparently furthered by ADAM CLAYTON POWELL when he made the following statement: As an illustration to his discussion, which statement was greeted by loud applause and laughter from the audience, ADAM CLAYTON POWELL stated that the times are changing and that as an illustration he stated that twelve months ago CORDELL HULL, our Secretary of State, would not take a bicycle ride two blocks from the State Department to meet Jesus Christ if he was the Ambassador from Russia. However, POWELL stated, a few weeks ago, CORDELL HULL flew 30,000 miles and was sick all the way just because "Uncle Joe" wanted to see him.

POWELL stated that the negro has rejected every contemporary definition of democracy. He stated that no longer would the definition of democracy, which was in effect a dualism, be the way of life in America; that is, one way for the white men and one way for the black. He stated that the negro sought a new definition which gave them equal footing.

Continuing in his discourse, ADAM CLAYTON POWELL stated that the congregation of industrial organization had brought the democracy to the United States. He claimed that there was more Christianity in the C.I.O. than in 90% of the white churches of America. POWELL stated that if this country was to be saved from Fascism, it could not be saved by the regularly organized groups within the country. He claimed that the danger of this country going Fascist was not letting up or subsiding in any way. As an illustration of that he claimed that the Detroit massacre and recent race riots in Boston were indications of Fascist trends within this country. He stated also that certain Fascists within our own State Department are dealing underhandedly with open and avowed enemies of democracies. Particularly, he stated, the State Department was negotiating with the Vichy Government that was Fascist in every respect. One way to stop this trend toward Fascism, POWELL stated, was to be the way of protest. He stated that the negroes should rise in one

mighty crescendo of voices together in opposition to all tactics of the Fascists. He advocated that the negroes should combine under the banner of the NAACP and in this hour the negroes should vote together politically and walk together economically. POWELL stated further that the negroes must act quickly to obtain their rights before the war ends. He stated before the fight on the home front was ended, the negroes must have:

1. The abolishment of the Poll Tax.
2. Position of labor strengthened throughout the country.
3. A National Labor Political Party.
4. Equality of race relations of all people, white, negro and yellow, as well as equality and non-discrimination against any religious party.

POWELL claimed that we can win the war and lose the peace, and that this question of negro rights was not local but a national question. POWELL stated time and again that "We are on a threshold of a new world," and as an illustration stated that a great day of change is coming for the American. POWELL stated that the Bastille in France was one day of change when the French revolutionists overthrew their oppressors. He stated also that this day of change might be likened to the Red October, the period in which the Russian revolutionists gained their rights and that the day of change in the American revolution occurred on the occasion of the Boston Massacre when CRISPUS ATTUCKS, a negro, was the first to fall as a result of the gunfire of the British. At this point POWELL again reiterated that we live on the threshold of another day of change. He stated that this day of change would be brought about because there had been let loose on the world a force beyond the powers of the leaders in any country to recall. He stated that this day of change would be guaranteed because the might of 800,000,000 people, the people of Russia, the people of the East and of China, would be represented at the peace table. POWELL stated that the might of these people would guarantee to the world the century of the common man.

Continuing, POWELL stated that if the Peace Council fails to gain these objectives for us, we must gain them ourselves in America and we have to do it. He stated that no violence would have to be resorted to, but he felt that the regular democratic procedures would be sufficient. He claimed that on a national basis the Poll Tax, which held a strangle hold on the South, must be abolished before the war's end. He stated that a local problem existed in Philadelphia in the question of the employment of negroes by the Philadelphia Transportation Company. He stated that this was the problem of all people -- the problem of every white man as well as every negro.

POWELL for a time talked of the "new negro" and the people of China must have their rightful place in the new world that was coming. He claimed that this war was a people's war and that all the people, regardless of race,

creed or color, were engaged in one fight and that all the people through united mass action would win one victory and one peace.

In the question period that followed, ADAM CLAYTON POWELL's discourse, an individual whose identity is not known to the writer, moved that a resolution be presented to the United States Senate from the forum requesting the discussion of the Poll Tax be brought out on the floor of the Senate. This motion was proposed, the speaker stated, in honor of our guest, ADAM CLAYTON POWELL; was passed by a voice vote of those in attendance.

Concerning the P.T.C. controversy in Philadelphia, POWELL stated that a similar episode occurred in New York in connection with a transport strike there. He stated that at the beginning, 500 pickets were utilized by the negro people and before the strike ended, 7500 pickets were on the picket line. He advised that the negroes there gained their objective and that this procedure should be utilized in Philadelphia.

POWELL stated that he resigned from the City Council in New York in order that he could run for United States Congress next year. He stated that he might possibly participate in the run-off election in February, but that he had not definitely decided on this matter as yet. As a result of a question proposed to him as to what organization he recommended to fight against the Fascist menace, POWELL stated that the negroes should get into other than their own groups, should infiltrate into various groups throughout the city and fight for their rights in those groups. He stated that the negro youth should support the American youth for Democracy and by their action in such group, wipe out all labels of white groups within these clubs.

During the course of the questioning period, ADAM CLAYTON POWELL spoke favorably of the NAACP and indicated that the negro people in the audience should support this group. [redacted] condemned the P.T.C. officials for their attitude toward the employment of negro help. He invited those in attendance to attend a mass meeting at 1724 Christian Street to be held on November 29. He also advised that the NAACP would commence a program for the distribution of petitions to the P.T.C. matter and requested those in attendance to help with the circulation of these petitions. b7c

The chairman of the meeting was [redacted] advertised that a forum conducted by the North Philadelphia Civic League would be held on December 12, 1943, from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. at the McDowell Church, 21st and Columbia Avenue. The discussion at this meeting, he announced, would deal with child delinquency and race prejudices. [redacted] was observed at the meeting by the writer consulting with [redacted] requested that the announce-

concerning the December 12th meeting be made.

At the meeting the reporting agent identified [redacted] on duty collecting tickets. [redacted] is a known Communist sympathiser. [redacted] was identified by the agent in attendance as well as the following known members of the Communist Party:

[redacted] [redacted]

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The following individuals were identified by Special Agents [redacted] and [redacted]

[redacted] negro

[redacted] negro

[redacted]

A memorandum is being placed in the individual files of Communist recognized at this meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

[redacted]

b7c [redacted] Special Agent

[redacted]
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cc: 100-20307
100-22503

Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
500 Widener Building
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
December 29, 1943

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SAC, New York

RE: ADAM CLAYTON POWELL
INTERNAL SECURITY, C

100-22864

Dear Sir:

On November 28, 1943, the above captioned individual appeared as the principal speaker at a forum conducted in Philadelphia under the auspices of the Communist Party sponsored Philadelphia School of Social Science.

This meeting was attended by Agents of the Philadelphia office and a memorandum concerning the speech made by the above-captioned subject is being submitted herewith for the information of your office.

Very truly yours,

J. F. Sears

J. F. SEARS
Special Agent in Charge

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New York, New York

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January 19, 1944

Director, FBI

Re: COMMUNIST PARTY USA, DISTRICT #2, N.Y. FIELD DIVISION
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

Dear Sir:

It was announced in the "Peoples' Voice", issue of January 15, 1944, that a mass meeting would be held at the Abyssinian Baptist Church, Brooklyn, New York, on January 18, 1944, under the auspices of the Citizens' Anti-Discrimination Committee.

Councilman ADAM CLAYTON POWELL JR. of Harlem, BEN LEVINE, Economic Director of the American Jewish Congress, EDWARD LAWSON, Regional Director of the President's Fair Employment Practice Committee, and others were announced as speakers.

MR. LORENZO DAVIS, chairman of the new Citizens' Anti-Discrimination Committee, announced that the committee had opened stations outside the Brooklyn Navy Yard to receive complaints concerning discrimination.

DAVIS made the following public statement:

"Because it has been brought to my attention that fear of intimidation in their jobs is allegedly the chief reason for the reluctance of Negro Navy Yard workers, particularly, to report discriminatory employment practices, I wish to reassure such workers that it is the policy of the President's committee to accept legitimate complaints of employment discrimination and do its utmost to protect persons making such valid complaints from unjust retaliation by an employer whether such be a public or private agency."

The files of the New York Field Division reflect only that information concerning the Citizens' Anti-Discrimination Committee which is contained in reports from the Chicago Field Division, setting out that various meetings have been held by this Committee in the area covered by the Chicago Field Division. These apparently have been Communist dominated.

Further information concerning activities of this Committee will be ascertained.

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Very truly yours,

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F. E. CONROY, SAC

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POWELL, Adam Clayton Jr. [redacted] 3ND
132 West 138th St. (Eval. B-2)
New York City

Subject, one of New York's foremost Negro Leaders and announced 1944 Congressional candidate, appears to have been won over by the Communists. At the Communist Mass meeting at Madison Square Garden, 10 January 1944, celebrating the 20th anniversary of the Daily Worker and the death of Lenin, subject was the only listed speaker who was not previously known to be a Communist. As editor of the "People's Voice", in the 15 Jan. 1944 issue he called the paper "The Lenox Avenue Worker" and adopts the Communist party line by stating that the Daily Worker has fought for ..20..years..for..the..same..principles..for..which..our...

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country is now fighting. During the last year Max [redacted], known Communist, became Treasurer of "The People's Voice" and introduced Communist financing if not ownership.

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20 January 1944

From: The District Intelligence Officer, 3ND.
To: The Chief of Naval Operations,
(Director of Naval Intelligence)

Subject: Adam Clayton POWELL, Jr., editor of THE PEOPLES' VOICE (N.Y. negro newspaper)--Communist tendency of.

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1. Recent events indicate that Adam Clayton POWELL, Jr., one of the foremost negro leaders in New York and THE PEOPLES' VOICE, one of the two New York negro newspapers, have swung definitely to the Communist Party line.

2. In his column entitled, "Soapbox", appearing in THE PEOPLES' VOICE of 15 January 1944, Adam Clayton POWELL, Jr., the editor, congratulates THE DAILY WORKER, Communist newspaper, on its twentieth anniversary and calls THE PEOPLES' VOICE the LENOX AVENUE WORKER. In an article appearing on another page of the same paper, THE PEOPLES' VOICE echoes the present Communist Party line by stating that:

> "The principles for which this paper (The Daily Worker) fought, have caught on through the years and today the democratic world is giving its very all in the name of those principles. Congratulations on the past and courage for the future workers and backers of The Daily Worker."

3. This outright admission by POWELL completes a cycle of the past year, each step linking POWELL and THE PEOPLES' VOICE closer to the Communist Party. The first step occurred when Max YERGAN, well-known Communist, became treasurer of THE PEOPLES' VOICE and introduced Communist financing, if not ownership of the paper. This switch was followed by a series of appearances [redacted] at Communist-sponsored meetings, climaxed by his appearance as

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20 January 1944

Subject: Adam Clayton POWELL, Jr., editor of THE PEOPLES' VOICE (N.Y. negro newspaper)--Communist tendency of.

a speaker on the program of the Communist mass meeting at Madison Square Garden on 10 January 1944, celebrating the anniversary of THE DAILY WORKER and the death of LENIN, where he was the only speaker who was not positively known to be a Communist Party member. In the past his appearances had been confined largely to "front organizations" that did not admit their Communist sponsorship.

4. The publication of these editorials seem to conclusively establish that POWELL has been won over by the Communists and that THE PEOPLES' VOICE in effect, is a Communist organ. POWELL's complete conversion is extremely important in view of his announced intention to run for United States Congress in 1944.

Tom A. Brooks
By direction

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cc: FBI, SAC-ESC

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[redacted] NEW YORK - Section I-7.

Subject: [redacted]

MEMO

In his column entitled, "Spotlight", appearing in "The Peoples' Voice", New York's radical Negro newspaper, Adam Clayton POWELL, Jr., the editor, congratulates the "Daily Worker", Communist newspaper, on its twenty-first anniversary and calls "The Peoples' Voice" the "LITTLE BROTHER".

In an article appearing on another page of the same paper, "The Peoples' Voice" echoes the Communist Party line by stating that:

> "The principles for which this paper (The Daily Worker) fought, have caught on through the years and today the democratic world is giving its very all in the name of those principles. Congratulations on the past and courage for the future, workers and backers of The Daily Worker".

This outright endorsement by [redacted] capped the climax of the past year, each step linking [redacted] and "The Peoples' Voice" closer to the Communist Party. The first step occurred when Max YERGAN, well-known Communist, became [redacted] of "The Peoples' Voice" and introduced Communist [redacted] if not ownership, of the paper. This switch was followed by a series of appearances by [redacted] at Communist-sponsored meetings, climaxed by his appearance as a speaker on the program of the Communist mass meeting at Madison Square Garden on 20 January 1944, celebrating the [redacted] and the death of Lenin whose [redacted] not positively known to be a Communist [redacted] past her appearance, [redacted] identification that did not [redacted] identification of these editorials [redacted] [redacted] Voice" in effect is a Communist [redacted] version is extremely [redacted] is probably the outstanding [redacted] mass meeting "to [redacted] New York Negro Yard civilian [redacted] Baptist Church of which [redacted]

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February 25, 1944

MEMORANDUM:

RE: NEGRO LABOR VICTORY COMMITTEE
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

Attached hereto is a three-page log, setting forth the results of conferences between FREDERICK [redacted] and [redacted] and between SMITH and BENJAMIN DAVIS, New York City Councilman. These conferences took place on February 15, 1944, according to Confidential Informants, [redacted] b1 b2 b7D

(C) (C)

It is believed that [redacted] BEN, MARCANTONIO and [redacted] mentioned in the log may be identified as [redacted] b7c b1

BENJAMIN DAVIS, JR., Congressman, VITO MARCANTONIO and [redacted] (C) of the Negro Labor Victory Committee. b1 b7c

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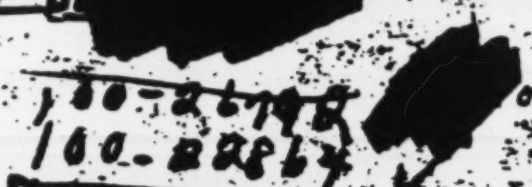

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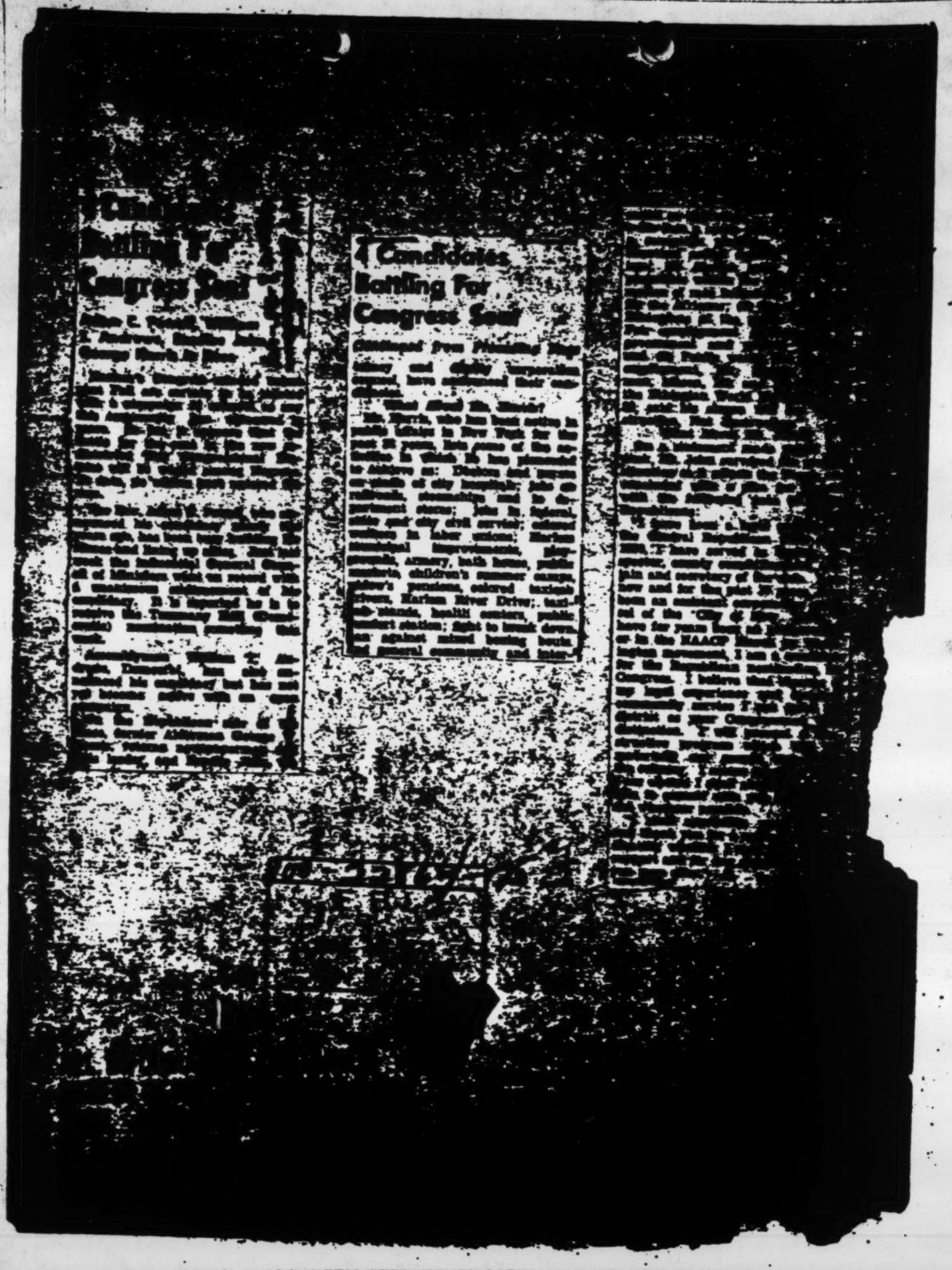

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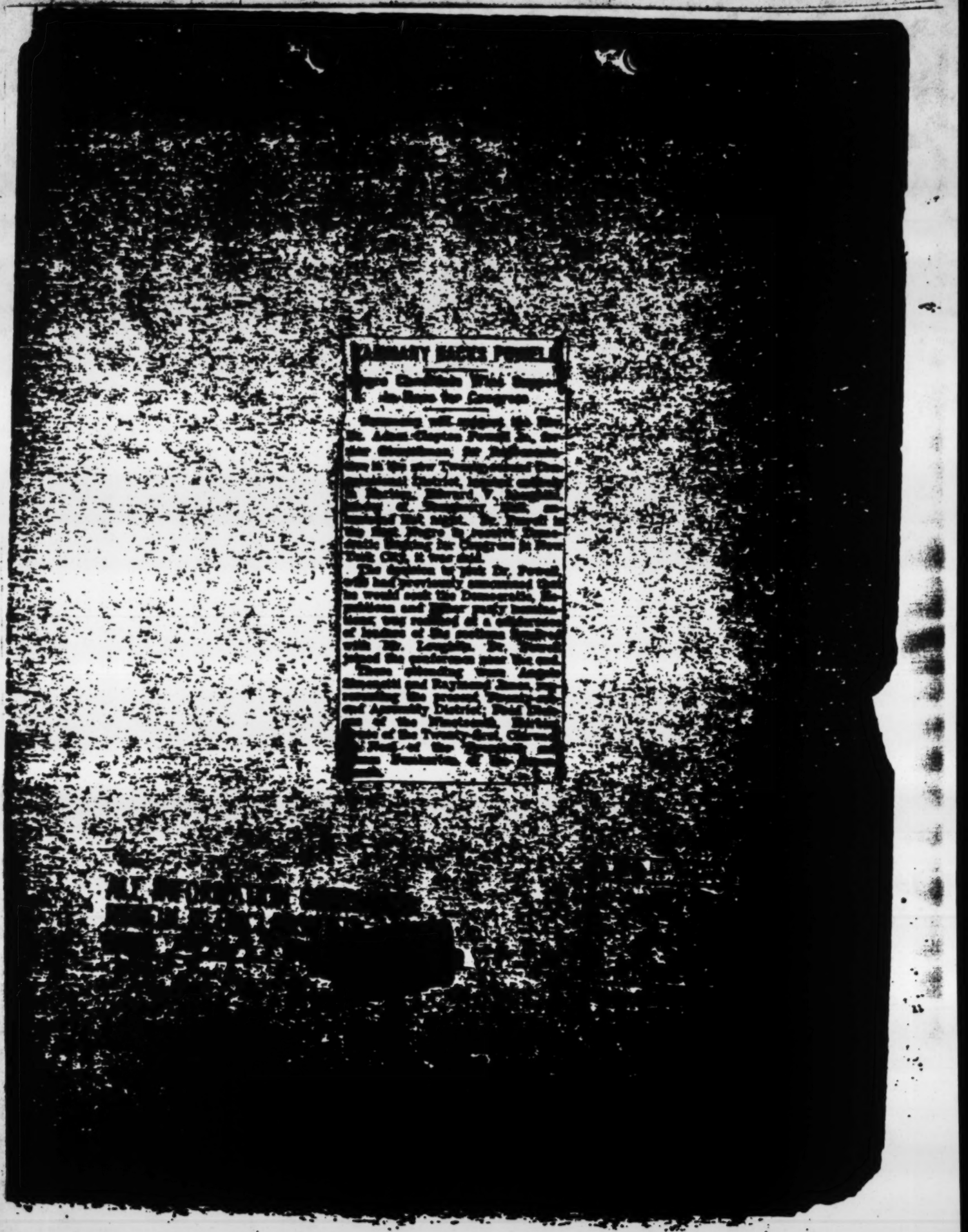

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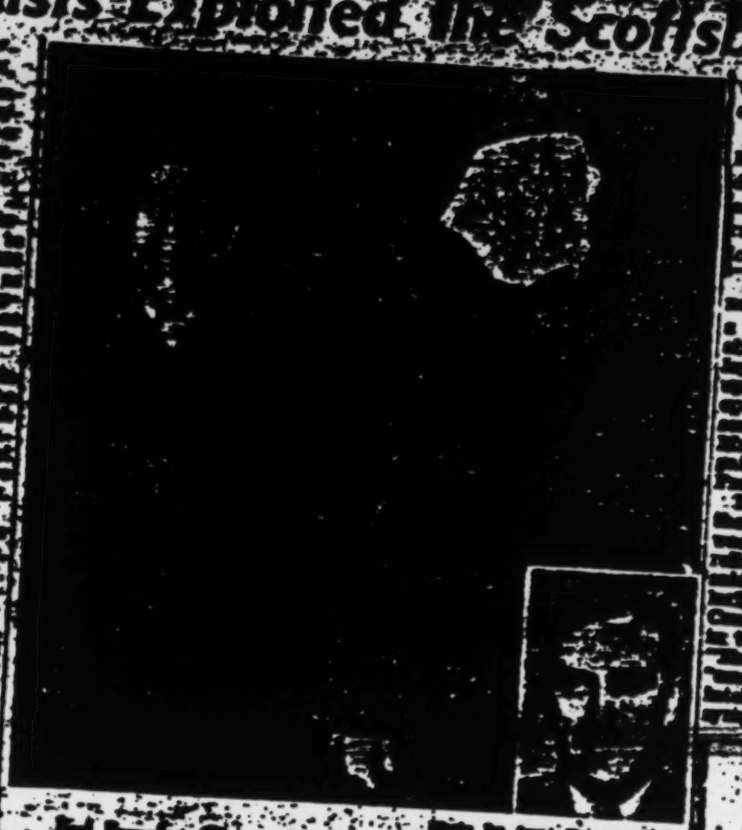

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Who Should Harlem Send To Congress?

Opposition to [redacted]
Selection [redacted]
Hotland at Protest Meeting

The fight for Congress in the [redacted]
Congressional District took [redacted]
of unusual spirit last week, when [redacted]
following the announcement [redacted]
Powell, Jr. that [redacted]
Mrs. Adam Clayton Powell, [redacted]
publicly way of what [redacted]
political circles [redacted]
Following [redacted]
of Harlem by [redacted]
Mr. [redacted]

Candidates, [redacted]
Democratic nomination [redacted]
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Dubinsky Boys Cook Up Plot To Stop Powell

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Dubinsky Aide Hits Negro Rights Fight

Crosswaith Joins Reactionary Bloc Against Powell

Case file.

Rushing to forestall the Negro attack on the congressional candidacy of Adam Clayton Powell, outstanding Negro leader, Frank R. Crosswaith, head of the so-called "Negro Labor Committee" and employe of the reactionary Social-Democrat, David Dubinsky.

Crosswaith is reported to have said concerning Powell, who has the official Democratic endorsement as nominee from the new 22nd district in Harlem, that "we do not want a dark edition of the Hitler or Rankin in who thrive upon exploiting racial and creedal differences."

The statement is being interpreted, as a virtual demand that the fight for Negro rights cease. Powell, a former city councilman, has been an outstanding fighter for these rights and is consequently a national Negro leader.

The parallel with a Hitler and a Rankin is considered especially absurd, since Powell has collaborated closely with labor and with progressive whites in his struggles on behalf of the Negro people.

Negro leaders recall how Bob Bell, another Dubinsky "stooge," Dubinsky Alliance, using arguments similar to those of Communists, attacked A. Philip Randolph, the only Negro ever to speak the city court house. Although [illegible] respect to Mister [illegible]

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New York, New York
May 6, 1944.

MEMORANDUM

Re: ADAM CLAYTON POWELL
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

Attached here to is a two-page log representing a conference between ADAM CLAYTON POWELL and FERDINAND SMITH, Secretary of the NATIONAL MARITIME UNION.

This conference took place on April 27, 1944 according to [redacted] b7c

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Special Agent

Att.
cc: NY File #100-26011
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10:18 am

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FROM: DR. ADAM POWELL
TO: F. SMITH

S: Hello ADAM.
P: FERDINAND?

S: Yeah, how are you?
P: Fine, how's my friend?

S: Not bad.
P: That's good, that's good. Listen friend, you know your two boys, [redacted] and [redacted] are banging my brains out around town here. b7c

S: Oh is that so?
P: Yes siree.

S: What are they trying to do with you now?
P: Huh?

S: What are they trying to do with you now?
P: Oh just giving me the devil, I mean uptown here.

S: What?
P: Yeah, and I got actual places and bars and grilles and restaurants where they made statements.

S: Against you?
P: That's right, [redacted] (ph.) and [redacted] (ph.) b7c

S: Well God damn those guys.
P: You know who told me about it? Tammany Hall.

S: Huh?
P: Tammany Hall.

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S: Yeah?
P: Yeah, they found out.

S: Well I'll have to do something about that.
P: Yeah, so what I'm going to do, I'm going to get the exact statements and times and places made, and forward them to you.

S: Yeah, I wish you'd do that because listen, you know I'm dead goose ...(indistinct) with you and [redacted], remember that.
P: Yeah, that's right. b7c

S: And its still pending, you know I saw him the day before yesterday, I spoke to [redacted]

P: Any time you make it will be all right with me.

b7C

S: Yeah, we want to talk about the international picture, you know. We talked to him about local questions but I didn't want to discuss national, international picture without you and [redacted]

P: Good, all right.

S: And so he's going to meet with us as soon as possible.

P: OK.

S: Now I'm leaving this afternoon for Detroit, I'll be back Monday, will you have those notes for me?

P: I sure will. Another thing, that State ALP setup doesn't include any negroes except [redacted] (pkr.)

b7C

S: I know, well that also I discussed with him on Wednesday and he asked me to submit names to him.

P: [redacted] is one of the boys from the other side.

S: Yeah, don't you think I know that? So we are meeting on that, but there is the mass meeting of the State Executive Committee, at least three or four negroes will be appointed.

P: Good good.

S: Well there's something else I want to see you about when I return Monday. Will you be in town?

P: Fine, oh yeah I'm going to be in town right on through now.

S: I'll call you as soon as I get back.

P: Good.

S: OK.

P: So long FERDIE.

S: Bye bye.

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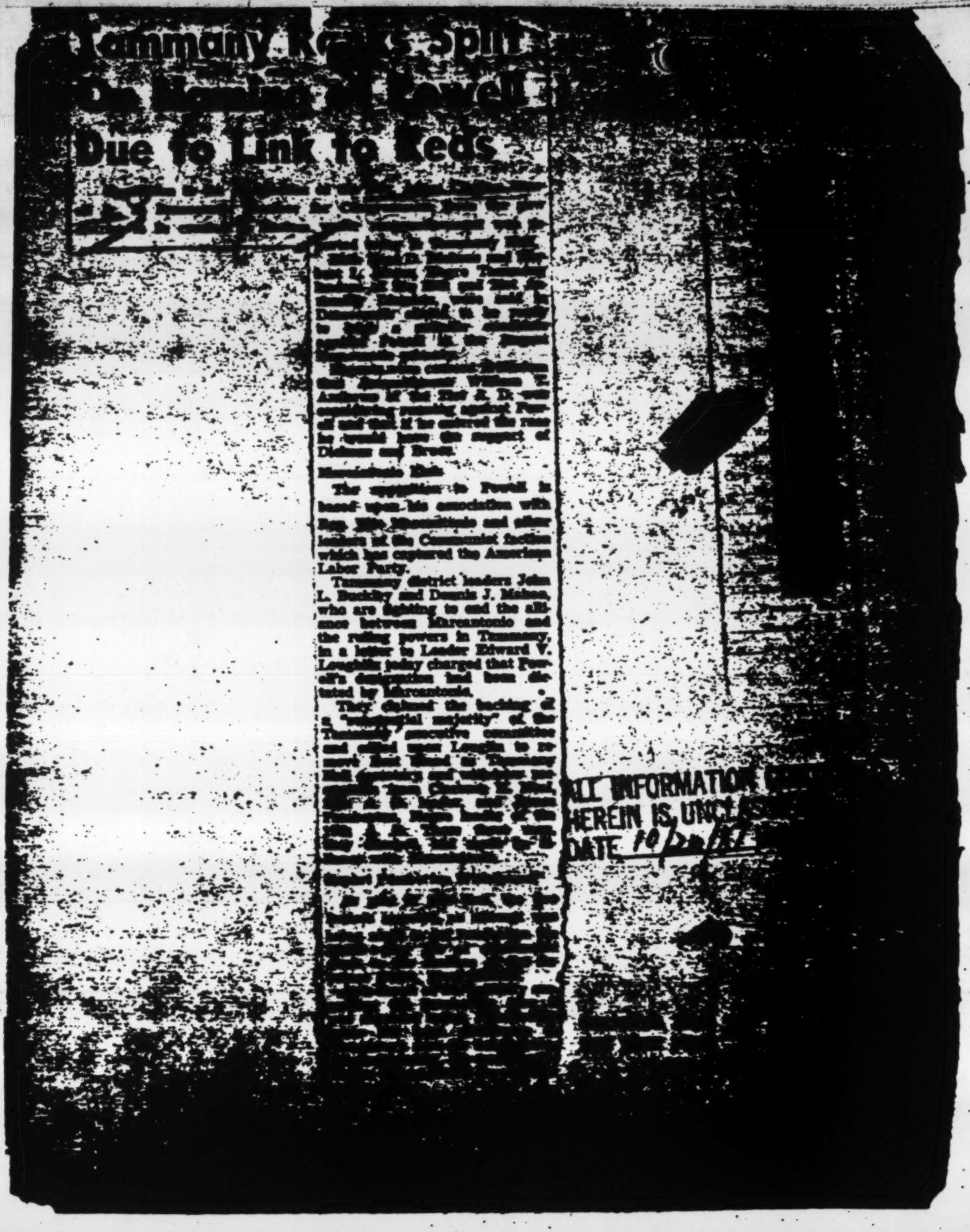

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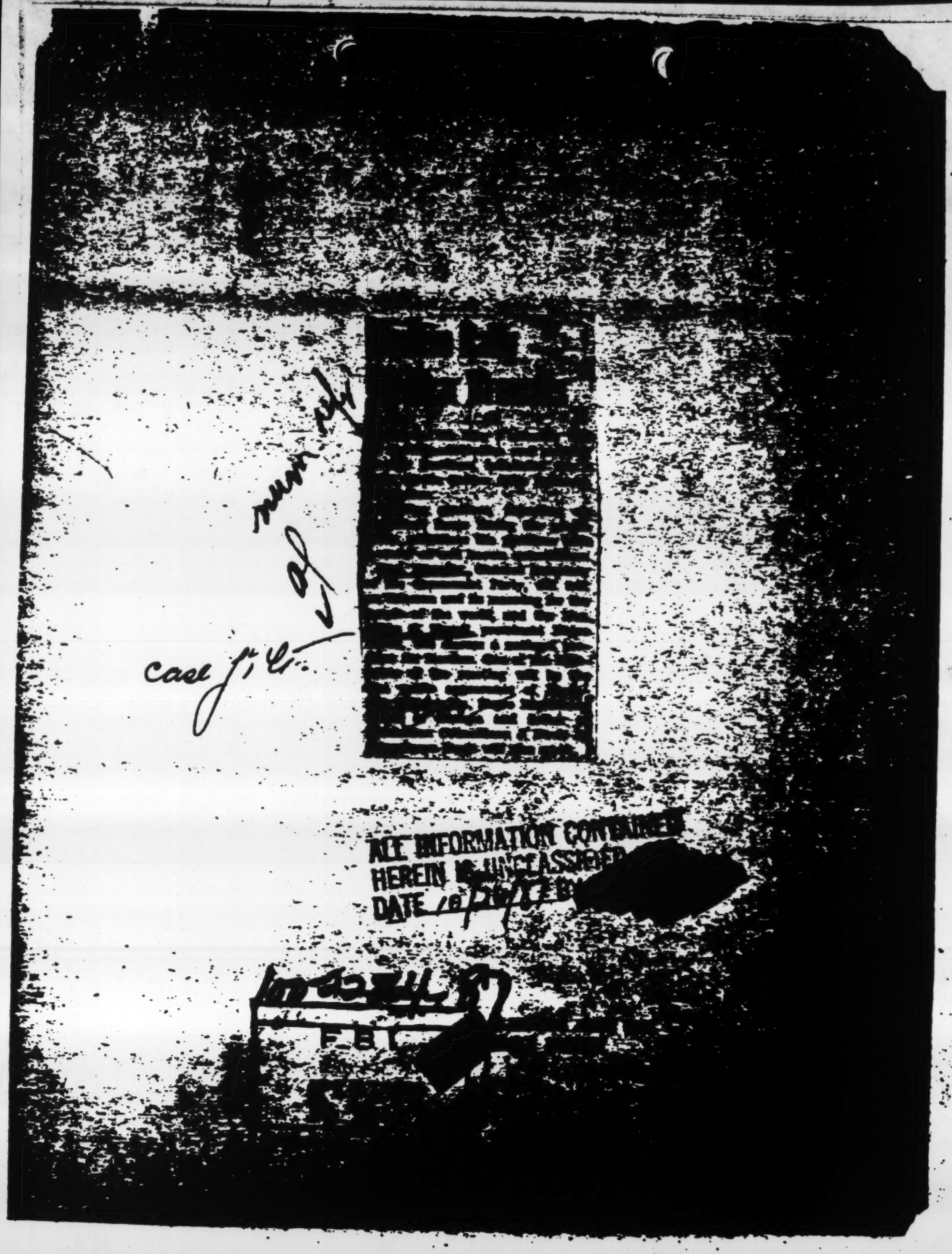
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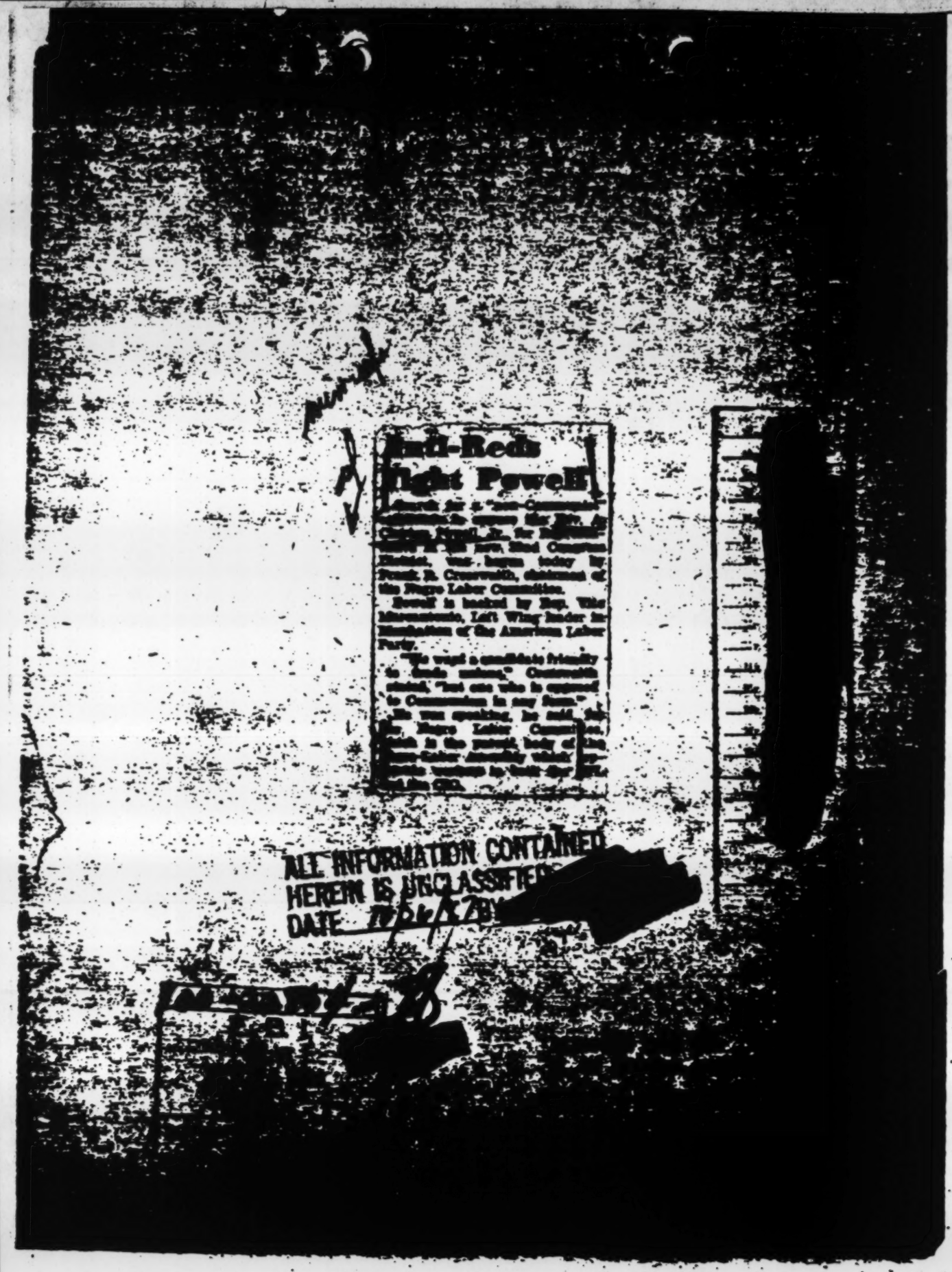

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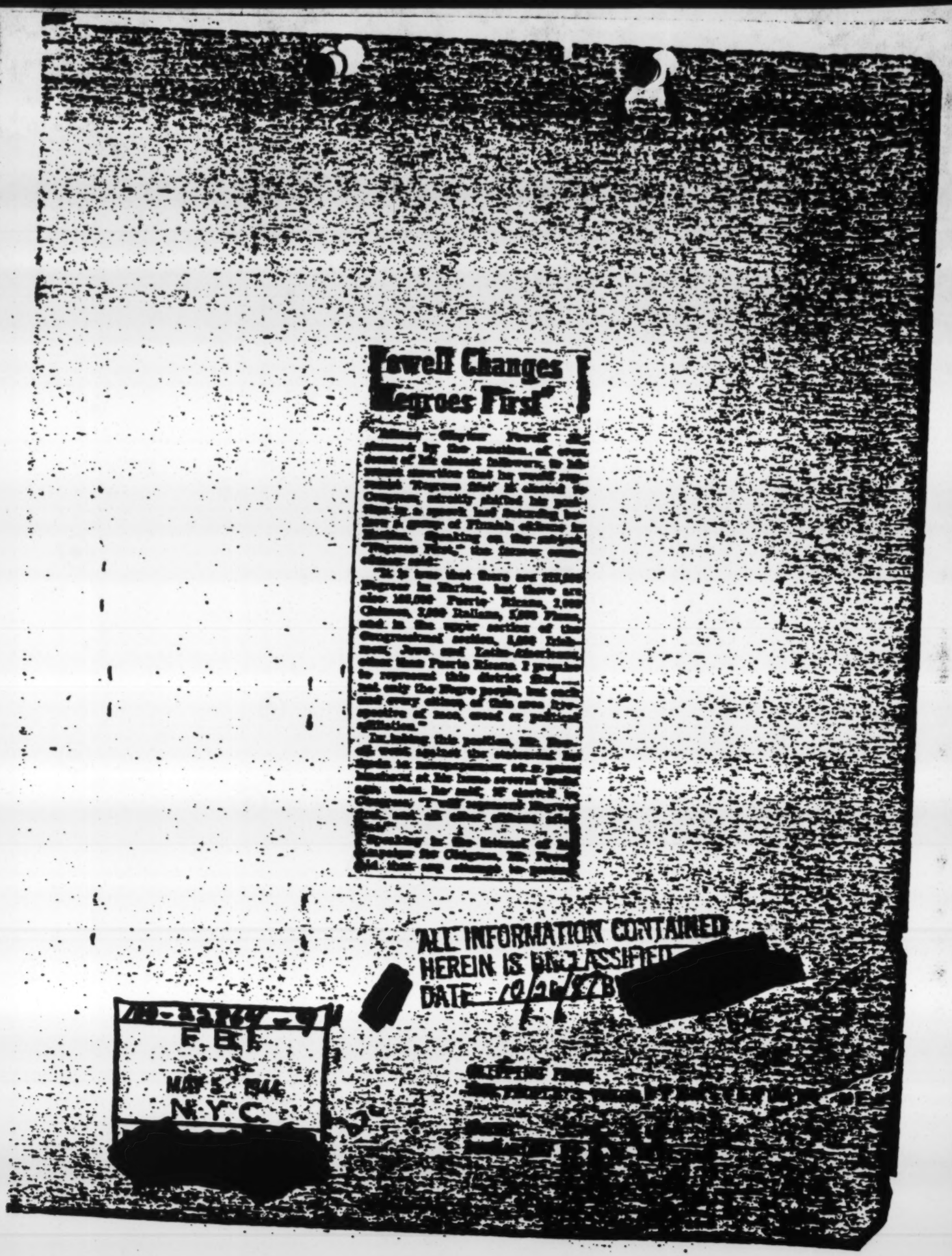

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Bruce Halts False Rumor

'Don't Believe Everything You Hear'

HERBERT R. BRUCE, leader of the 13th Assembly District, who took after getting off a good one. He spiked a report this week that he will support Adam Powell for Congress.

Commenting this week on a story released by the Associated Negro Press, which took to world support Adam C. Powell for Congress from the 22nd Congressional District, Herbert L. Bruce, powerful Tammany leader of the 13th A. D., said the story is an outright lie, that he not only hasn't said he would support Powell, but that his original statement that we would oppose him all the way, still stands.

The ANP story came out under the headline, Bruce Will Back Powell for Congress." It began with this bullet lead:

"This can be chalked up the record," and continued:

"Adam Clayton Powell, who is running for Congress from the 22nd district, and who hopes to be the first Negro to go to Congress from New York, has been stoutly opposed by Herbert L. Bruce, Tammany district leader in Harlem and a powerful figure in things political."

Further, the story said:

"Upon this week it that, off the

Bruce Halts False Rumor

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record, Bruce will drop his opposition to Powell and throw his strength behind the young pastor of Abyssinian Baptist, largest Protestant congregation in America."

Because his previous statement opposing Powell candidacy, Mr. Bruce was asked to confirm the Associated Press report.

In a prepared statement he vigorously denied the report, declaring emphatically that his opposition to Powell still stands, that he will not support him under any circumstances. Mr. Bruce also further said:

Bruce's Statement

"Two years ago I made a statement to the effect that I had no Congressional ambitions. I meant every word of it. Because of that statement I have refused the request of some of the best-thinking people of Harlem to run for Congress."

"Negro people of this city, state and nation need more than ever an able, sincere, honest and level-headed individual in Congress, not a loud-mouth, rubble-rousing Negro, who is going to try to be a Bilbo, Northern Bilbo, Rankin or Cotton Ed Smith. These three Southern crackers are a disgrace to the Congress and to the white people. Any Negro, even trying to follow in their footsteps is a disgrace to himself and to the entire Negro race. I support and will not support that type of leadership, because it will lead to trouble between whites and Negroes throughout this country.

"I have no interest in the Democratic candidate from the 22nd Congressional district. I am not opposing any candidate. I make this statement in the hope that it will save every effort [illegible] my position above."

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Powell Shuns Communists' 'Gate' Meet

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"A Negro First"

Sir: In reference to your editorial "Dangerous Philosophy", April 2, regarding Adam Powell's declaration that he would represent Negroes first. Why not? His opponents would be dangerous for he, Negroes in the same district.

Americans can represent anyone whom he is accepted as part and parcel of his environment. Negroes have been prevented from becoming an integral part of American life, as have Orientals, Irish, Italians, etc., each in their turn. They must speak for themselves first because others do not. Indeed them whenever they speak. Do you know that Jews are organized as Jews in order to gain the support of the labor movement?

In view of the above, to ask Powell to speak for all Americans first is a hangover from slavery. Slaves did others' work first—then their own if they had strength. A representative from the combelt is expected to speak for his corn-growing constituents first and the city dweller second. Rest assured that even a "great liberal" like Pepper of Florida isn't representing all Americans when he says "I, too hate niggers." I don't expect any man to betray the people who put him in office by putting their interests second to general welfare. He cuts the cloth to fit the pattern; making his supporters' interests part of general welfare. If he makes his mistake—the term general welfare is only general enough to include those who have a voice in government, we need cop

Thomas Bishop

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a streak of the anti-social in him and a touch of complacency, too." However that may be, it does not involve hiding away from his audiences. When he signed the contract for the Pennsylvania State mural in 1939 it stipulated that he was to get $4,500 for the job and that working hours should be open to the public.

In addition to his fresco work Poor is a specialist in tile decoration. He designed the tile ceiling for the Union Dime Savings Bank in New York City. Well represented in museums, his work is included in permanent collections of the Metropolitan Museum of Art and the Whitney Museum of American Art, New York City; in the Art Institute of Chicago; in the Newark Museum; in the San Francisco Museum; in the Cleveland Museum; in the Addison Memorial Museum, Andover, Massachusetts.

Henry Varnum Poor has been married three times. He married first upon his return from Europe, and a daughter, Josephine, was born in 1913. In 1919 he married a former student, Marion Dern. This marriage ended in 1923. Two years later Poor was married for the third time, to Elizabeth Breuer of New York City, novelist and journalist.

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POWELL, ADAM CLAYTON, JR., REV.

~~Nov. 29, 1908— Pastor, New York City~~
Councilman

Address: b. Abyssinian Baptist Church, 132 W. 138th St, New York City; h. 732 St. Nicholas Ave, New York City

If Negro and white children do not learn to play together, Dr. Powell believes, they will inevitably fight together. "There will be friction," he insists, "just as long as either race feels the other is intruding." As the only Negro member of the New York City Council, it is Powell's goal to work for the improvement of the social and economic conditions of the Negro in Manhattan, particularly in Harlem, and for the inclusion of Negroes in the economic and community life of the city in general.

Adam Clayton Powell, Jr., was born in New Haven, Connecticut, on November 29, 1908, the son of the Rev. Adam Clayton and Mattie (Fletcher) Powell. Not long after their son was born the Powells came to New York, where Rev. Adam Clayton Powell, Sr., became pastor of the Abyssinian Baptist Church. His son attended Colgate University, from which he received his B. A. degree in 1930, and Columbia University, from which he received his Master's Degree in 1932. In 1938 the degree of Doctor of Divinity was conferred upon him by Shaw University.

Powell held his first position in 1929, before he was graduated from college, as manager of his father's church. Later he became assistant pastor and in 1936, when his father retired, he became the pastor. The Abyssinian Baptist Church is 133 years old, the oldest Negro congregation in the North and one of the largest Protestant congregations in the United States. Of its 14,635 members 9,123 are contributors, and the church has no mortgage, no debts, and operates on an annual budget of $4,200. Many of the sermons Powell delivers to his congregation have been published, and he has also written editorials for the New York *Post* (1934) and the *Amsterdam News* (1936-38).

Concurrently with his religious activities, Dr. Powell has been active in Harlem Negro organizations. The various organizations which he headed conducted a picket campaign for better Harlem hospitalization in 1931 and 1932, campaigned for and secured a Negro director of relief for Harlem in 1933, conducted a picket campaign for lower rent, and in 1938 started the campaign, still in progress, to secure jobs for Negroes in Harlem stores and industries. As chairman of the Coordinating Committee for Employment, a group of 200 Negro organizations, Powell organized a picket line before the New York World's Fair executive offices in the Empire State Building in 1939 and succeeded in raising the number of Negroes employed at the Fair from 200 to 732. The fight to have Negro pharmacists employed in Harlem drugstores resulted in the formation of a C.I.O. union and the employment of fifteen Negro pharmacists, so that by the fall of 1941 there were no unemployed Negro pharmacists. In the spring of 1940 the Committee staged a bus strike which resulted in an increase in Negro crews. The Committee's campaign also succeeded in securing jobs for six Negroes in the New York Telephone Company, but since they are only messengers, Powell has outlined a plan to boycott the Telephone Company by refusing to use the automatic dial system and thereby increasing the need for operators and technicians. More recently the Committee picketed the offices of the Board of Education on Park Avenue, urging the hiring of Negroes in the city colleges. "There is not one Negro scholar," Powell complains, "among the 1,400 staff members at City, Hunter, Brooklyn, and Queens Colleges." Class and color distinctions, he maintains, are "a luxury of the 1920's."

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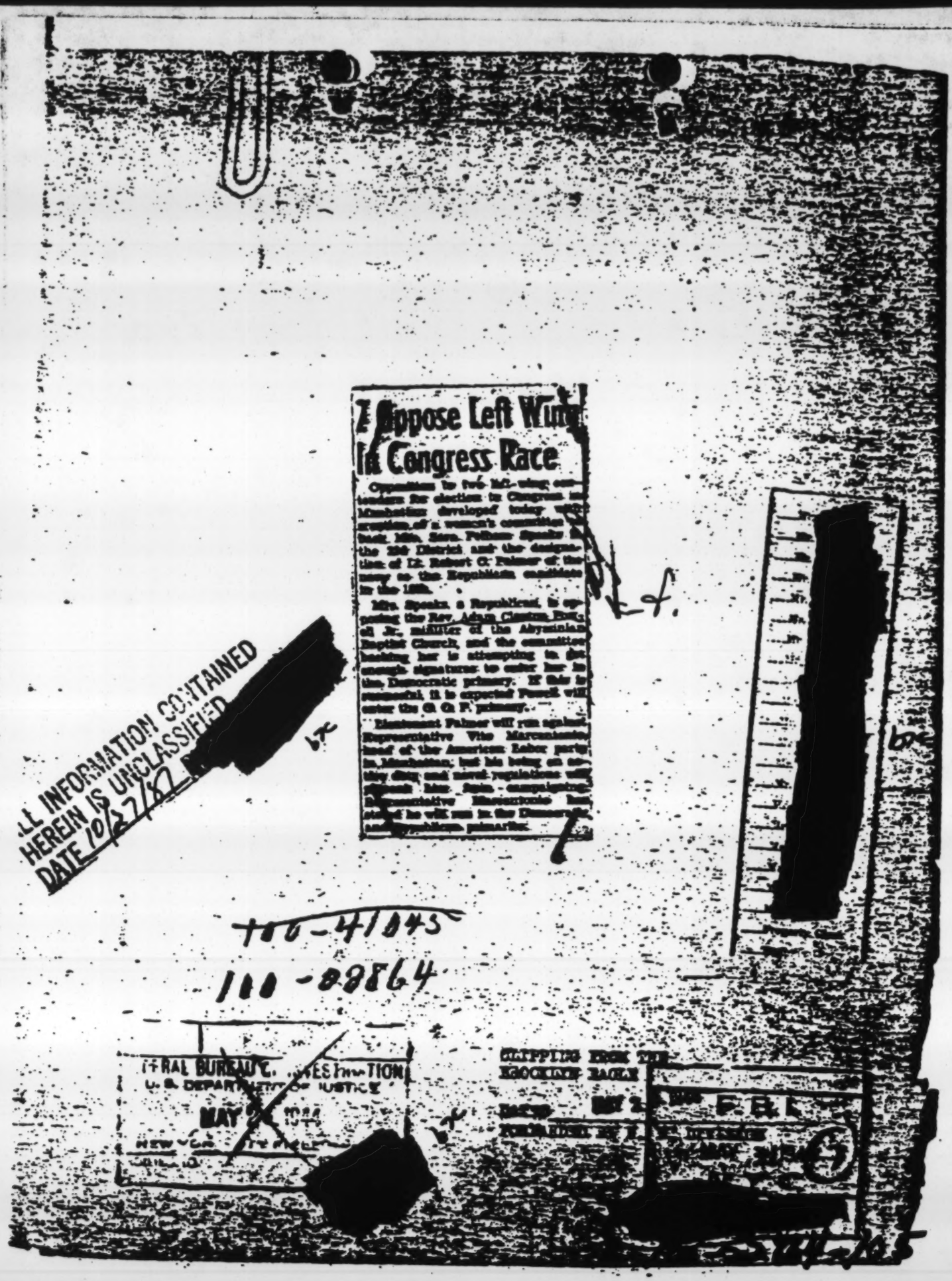

Oppose Left Wing In Congress Race

Opposition to two left-wing candidates for election to Congress in Manhattan developed today with creation of a women's committee to oust Mrs. Vito Marcantonio from the 20th District and the designation of Lt. Robert G. Palmer of the army as the Republican candidate in the 18th.

Mrs. Spock, a Republican, is opposing the Rev. Adam Clayton Powell Jr., minister of the Abyssinian Baptist Church, and the committee backing her is attempting to get enough signatures to enter her in the Democratic primary. If this is successful, it is expected Powell will enter the C. C. P. primary.

Lieutenant Palmer will run against Representative Vito Marcantonio, head of the American Labor party in Manhattan; but his being on active duty and naval regulations will prevent him from campaigning. Representative Marcantonio has stated he will run in the Democratic and Republican primaries.

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Director, FBI

New York, N. Y.
May 26, 1944.

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E. E. CONROY, SAC.

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HARLEM LABOR UNION
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The above captioned organization, an independent colored labor union, has been engaged in picketing several stores in the Harlem area during the past week. In connection with the picketing of the stores an editorial by ADAM CLAYTON POWELL, JR. was printed in the "PEOPLES VOICE" of May 27, 1944, in the column entitled, "SOAPBOX". This article is being set out below:

"Organized labor is on the march! Negroes are in its ranks . . . and are always going to be there. Their numbers are going to increase and the degree of their participation and real integration is going to increase also. All who think otherwise . . . in industry, labor or business may just as well give up now.

"The stores and restaurants on 125 st have been a testing ground for a long time. But some merchants there haven't learned the score yet. For their benefit I repeat it: You must hire Negroes along with whites at ratios that reflect that proportion of Negro trade. They all must receive salaries commensurate with the work performed and equal to that paid others elsewhere in the city for similar work. You must provide all of the facilities, conveniences and benefits which will guarantee ideal working conditions and worker-employer relations. These things at least, you must do . . . because the people . . . Negro and white, demand it.

"I cite these cases in proof of my point:

"The Super Restaurant located at 303 W 125 st had two unions operating in its midst. Local 923 of the United Culinary and Bar and Grill Employees, CIO, and the Harlem Labor Union. The employes belonged to both. The majority belonged to the CIO outfit. Soon several workers came to differences with the general labor practices of Local 923 . . . they resigned and joined the Harlem Labor Union. They requested a joint meeting to discuss the whole matter. None was forthcoming. The management was warned so was the local. The rights of workers were being violated in that Local 923 did not recognize the resignation of the dissatisfied people and continued to collect their dues. No cooperation was given by either the Union or Management. . . . The members of the Harlem union called a strike. Harlem cooperated. [redacted] and the owners rushed to make peace. I had all parties concerned come to my office here at the 'People's Voice.' I stated what I knew represented just terms. Local 923 would not accept them. The matter was carried up the State Mediation Board.

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Letter to Minister.

May 26, 1941.

"A settlement was arrived at last week. Both unions will operate in the Sugar Restaurant; both will have an equal number of employees. Together they will constitute a joint committee for the adjustment of disputes and grievances. All employees will retain their present positions unless both unions agree to changes. Employees involved in the strike and dispute will receive full wages for one week for . . . They will be paid at once. This is exactly what I suggested in my talk with all concerned in my office. The CIO Local refused my offer because it did not want to recognize the Harlem Labor Union. I checked up at CIO headquarters and learned that Local 903 is a bastard outfit that does not belong to the New York Council . . . and does not reflect in any way the philosophy of the CIO throughout the nation.

"The employees of McCreary's Five and Ten Cent Store are on strike too. The demands of the employees are just. The company pretends it does not want to deal with the Harlem Labor Union. The truth of the matter is, the downtown office of that company does not want to deal with any Negro union. . . . But it will. . . . Or we will throw a picket line around that store such as has never been seen in New York. In the same breath we serve warning on the Pelham Dairies at 210 W 125 st. . . . No store can refuse to hire Negroes in Harlem. Either hire some at decent jobs or we are going to picket you. Organized labor made up of organized people. . . . Negro and white are marching . . . and nothing can stop us."

In regard to the alleged discrimination of the stores in Harlem towards the hiring of Negroes, the May 27th issue of the "PEOPLE'S VOICE" also carries an article, reflecting that a personal survey of the Harlem Banks made by the "PEOPLE'S VOICE" indicates that the Manufacturers Trust Company, 67 W. 125th Street; the Manufacturers Trust Company, 125th Street and Eighth Avenue; the National City Bank of New York, 125th Street and Old Broadway; Public National Bank, 116th Street and Madison Avenue; the Harlem Savings Bank, E. 125th Street, do not employ any negroes. The Corn Exchange Trust Company, Amsterdam and 181rd Street employ one Negro as a porter, messenger and clerk. The Empire Savings Bank, 125th Street, between 7th and 8th Avenues employ one Negro as a clerk in the Insurance Department, one as a Chief of the Guards and several others as floormen and guards. The Corn Exchange Bank and Trust Company, 311 Lenox Avenue, employs three negroes, a messenger, a janitor, and a guard.

In connection with the above survey made by the "PEOPLE'S VOICE", LIEWELLYN RANSOM of that paper, states:

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Letter to Director. May 26, 1964.

"We have criticized the banks of Harlem for their employment policy toward the Negro community, while they grow fat at the people's expense, because this failure to hire trained workers is unjustified and not in keeping with the attitude of other big Harlem businesses. We criticize the banks' lending policy toward the Negro in Harlem because it stifles the growth of the community and is not based strictly upon good economic consideration, but rather upon stereotyped and prejudiced theories.

"The relatively few jobs the banks have to offer is not the sole basis of our agitation. What we most want is the opening up of an area of economic opportunity for our people now practically closed. We want also to point out that Negroes can fill these jobs.

"Without credit from banks our Negro businessmen who must compete with whites, can not grow and we cannot raise the community's standard of living. Raising the standard of living of any people raises their purchasing power and a higher purchasing power means better business. We do not think the answer is isolation and a black economy but a better attitude on the part of banks and a closer cooperation of black and white business."

The above information is being brought to the attention of the Bureau for information purposes only and no action is contemplated by this office.

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Dear [redacted]

I wish to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated July 24, 1943 and the photostatic copy of a letter [redacted]

Your thoughtfulness in calling this matter to my attention is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

E. E. CONROY
Special Agent in Charge

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Seek Anti-Red To Run Against Powell in 22d

[redacted] Negro candidate "opposed to Communism, in any form" will be sought today by the Negro Labor Committee to oppose the candidacy of the Rev. A. Clayton Powell Jr. for Representative in the 22nd Congress District.

"We want a candidate who is friendly to the trade union movement, an advocate of interracial unity and opposed to Communism in any form, whether it be the left wing of the ALP or whatnot," said Frank R. Crosswaith, chairman of the committee, which represents workers in both the AFL and CIO.

Being Considered

Among candidates being considered to oppose Powell, Crosswaith said, are Assemblyman William T. Andrews, Democrat; former Alderman George W. Harris, Republican, and Basil[redacted] John, [redacted] corporation counsel.

Powell is backed by Rep. [redacted], Manhattan leader of the [redacted] dominated ALP.

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End-Jimcrow Rally In Harlem Sunday

Prominent representatives of the Democratic, Republican and Communist parties will be featured speakers at the End-Jimcrow Rally in the Golden Gate ballroom, 142nd St. and Lenox Ave., at 2 P. M. next Sunday.

They will include Adam Clayton Powell, Jr., candidate for Congress from Harlem; Benjamin J. Davis, Sr., Republican Negro leader of Georgia; Benjamin J. Davis, Jr., Councilman of the City of New York and Earl Browder, leader of the Communist Party of the United States.

The first of its kind in Harlem, the rally will be under the auspices of the five Communist clubs of that community. Its two main objectives are the ending of jimcrow in New York City and the sending of the first Negro to Congress from Harlem.

Councilman Davis, reporting on his first four months in the city's governing body, will stress the principle that no jimcrow housing project shall be tax-exempt.

The five Communist clubs, with a quota totaling 650 recruits, expect at this meeting to announce their going over the top with 1,000 new members. Buyers of reserved seats will be given free six-months subscriptions to the new, tabloid, weekly Worker.

Tickets for the rally are available at the Workers Bookshop, 50 E. 13th St., and at Councilman Davis' office, 26 W. 135th St.

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rowell Opens Congress Drive With Independent Backing

Adam Clayton Powell Jr., formally opened his campaign yesterday for the House of Representatives from the politically created 22nd Congressional District at a meeting of interest-backed Harlem supporters.

Powell, entering the fight by indorsement of the Negro Labor Council, Inc., long the Negro fair deal and against employment of Negroes, announced that the American Labor Party and the CIO Political Action Committee were supporting him.

The meeting, called to organize the community's citizens who have been working quietly to oust the present Councilman, in Congress, was held at the Abyssinian Baptist

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Powell Campaign Gets Underway With Organizational Meet Saturday

Harlem's determined drive for a new Congressional seat got underway this Saturday afternoon at 3:30 pm, when two thousand of the community's most active citizens, representing a complete cross section of alert and militant leadership gathers at Abyssinian Church to prepare for the task of organizing "the independent, non-partisan committee for the election of standard bearer Adam Clayton Powell, jr. to the Congress from the newly created 22nd Congressional District.

Heading the committee calling the meeting are Count Basie, Geraldine Diamond, Dr. Lucien Brown, C. D. King, J. Finley Wilson, Reverend R. C. Robeson and George Simms, jr. Here in one full sweep is a complete assembly of outstanding leadership in each of the important areas of activity in our community from Basie, admittedly the outstanding current figure in the popular music field to Mr. Robeson, pastor of Mother Zion Church.

J. Finley Wilson, head man of the mighty Elks lodges is perhaps the dominant national figure in the world of fraternal affairs today. Wilson cast his lot with the Powell forces only after a thorough canvass of the likely candidates in the field which at one time was a wide open race. With candidates noting the mounting surge of support for the youthful but militant pastor, they have been dropping from the lists steadily until now just two or three diehards with little or no chance for election remain as token candidates—in reality, obstructionists being used as tools by a negative "Stop Powell" effort.

Well-known and respected businessman, C. D. King, long held the post of chairman of the Herbert Brown County Committee, but turned Powell-ward when the leader of the 21st A.D. refused to support A. C. P., jr.

The People's Non-Partisan Committee to elect Powell will do three things at the Saturday inaugural meeting:

- elect a chairman, secretary and treasurer;
- hand out petitions to be distributed to thousands of canvassers;
- hear their candidate in a campaign-launching address.

The same basic rule that has characterized all of Powell's activities throughout his public career will hold in this instance. It is a PEOPLE'S meeting, and the people will have the predominant voice in all the campaign.

In other words, everybody is not only welcome, but urged to come and have a part in what promises to be Harlem's most democratic people's victory in the political field.

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Refuses To Back "Stop-Bruce-Move"

Tammany Hall leader Ed Loughlin refused this week to go along

with the Rev. A. Clayton Powell, Jr. in the latter's request to oust Democratic leader Herbert L. Bruce of the new 12th A. D.

The Rev. Powell appeared at "Tammany Hall" Tuesday with 75 persons in an obvious attempt to have Mr. Bruce deposed for not going along with those supporting the former councilman.

At a meeting held in the Witoka Club last Sunday, the Rev. Powell's followers, most of them members of Abyssinian Church, applauded their pastor's attack on Mr. Bruce when the latter was described as "a saboteur in the campaign to re-elect President Roosevelt.

It is understood that Mr. Loughlin advised the Powell adherents to win all the votes possible for the congressional nominee in the 22nd but to refrain from interfering in the affairs of Mr. Bruce's organization, the regular Democratic club in the 12th A. D.

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July 8th, 1944

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Director, FBI

Re: NATIONAL MARITIME UNION;
Internal Security (C)

Dear Sir:

During the two week period ending July 8th, 1944, some information of value was supplied by [redacted] b2

On June 30th, 1944 the informant advised that [redacted] b7C

In view of the type of information being furnished by [redacted] it is suggested that his services be continued. b2

Very truly yours,

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E. E. CONROY,
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Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
New York, 7, New York

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July 31, 1944

Re: ADAM CLAYTON POWELL
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

The attached two reports and the [redacted] were submitted by [redacted] b2 b7D

Because of the local interest of instant material, no copies are being forwarded to the Bureau. Copies of instant reports are being placed in the appropriate New York files and [redacted] is being placed in subject's case file.

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Special Agent

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July 29, 1944

MEMORANDUM

Re: FOREIGN INSPIRED AGITATION AMONG
AMERICAN NEGROES IN NEW YORK CITY

The attached report regarding the [redacted] b7D b2
[redacted] was furnished to the writer on [redacted]

Because of the local interest of this matter, no copies are being designated for the Bureau. However, copies are being placed in the appropriate New York files.

[redacted] b7c
Special Agent

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cc - NY 100-3633
NY 100-145[illegible]

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Director, FBI

August 3, 1944

SAC, New York

WEST INDIAN NEGRO ACTIVITIES
INTERNAL SECURITY

On July 22, 1944, an article appeared in the People's Voice, a Negro tabloid newspaper, stating that observance of West Indian emancipation day is being planned by the West Indies National Council in conjunction with the Abyssinian Baptist Church on August 27, 1944. The exact place of the observance will be announced later.

According to the article this celebration marks the second observance of the collaboration with Adam Clayton Powell, Jr., candidate of Congress and Pastor of the Abyssinian Baptist Church. Leaders of both groups, the church and the islands, are completing plans for the get-together and the celebration of the freeing of West Indian slaves.

This information is being furnished to the Bureau for information purposes.

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CONFIDENTIAL

August 5, 1944

Director, FBI

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ON 10/24/[illegible]

Re: COMMUNIST INFILTERATION OF THE GREATER
NEW YORK INDUSTRIAL UNION COUNCIL, CIO;
INTERNAL SECURITY -C.

Dear Sir:

There are being transmitted herewith the original and three copies of a five page log setting forth the results of conferences between Ferdinand Smith, National Secretary of the National Maritime Union and [redacted] and between Smith and [redacted] both of which conferences took place on July 27th, according to [redacted] b7c b2

It is believed that some of the individuals mentioned in the log may be identified as follows:

Adam — Clayton Powell.

[redacted]

NLVC — Negro Labor Victory Committee

[redacted] b7c

Mars — Congressman Vito Marcantonio

[redacted]

Very truly yours,

[redacted]
SAC

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Outgoing

7/27/44
3:40 P.M.

IN LATE

U-1754-L
U-1755-1
From: FERDINAND SMITH
[redacted] b7C

FS: .....that ADAM's campaign had received some money this morning. So, [redacted] had called me and said they were broke and needed money. He wanted $400 right away, so I've been pulling strings, since we had given our last 500 to, you know, NLVC.

[redacted]

FS: Since we had given our last 500 to NLVC for that work.

[redacted]

FS: So [redacted] just called me and said that they had to receive money, to send money this morning to them.

[redacted]

FS: I called [redacted] I couldn't get him. Is he around your place now?

[redacted] b7C

FS: Yes. Well listen. [redacted] called and wanted to come by, she wanted to know what she could do now, and I told her she could come around headquarters and let you call the press in for an interview and so forth. It would add impetus to POWELL's campaign. Right?

[redacted]

FS: All right, she's going to call you.

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FS: All right. So you want to encourage her and you should get hold of the Negro press and any press you can get, for that matter, for an interview. I think you can get the TIMES and those people now, because they are all out for the Democratic ticket. I think you should call the TIMES and probably should make the interview for tomorrow instead of today, give them enough time.

[redacted]

FS: So make it tomorrow and, you know, arrange with [redacted] and then get the press there.

[redacted]

FS: She thought that maybe she could get [redacted] up here, so I told her if she can it would be excellent.

[redacted]

FS: I don't know. Well, she says she thinks she could do it, she says, because they are all for POWELL. So I told her why couldn't she handle that end of it. But she's going to call you--maybe she's trying to get you now.

[redacted]

FS: You talk to her, OK?

[redacted]

FS: You haven't got.....(indistinct word)...yet on the question of that meeting tonight?

[redacted]

FS: Let me know as soon as you do.

[redacted]

FS: I know that, [redacted] told me about it. We've got....(indistinct word) later on. Forget about that now.

[redacted]

FS: No, I said they got money already.

[redacted]

FS: [redacted] told me to send them money this morning.

[redacted]

FS: Ok, that's what I say too.

[redacted]

FS: Goodbye.

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Incoming

7/27/44
3:50 P.M.

M-1520-A
From: [redacted]
To: FERDINAND SMITH

[redacted]

FS: How are you?

[redacted]

FS: The POWELL situation is bad—need money.

[redacted]

FS: They haven't got any money, they just called me today.

[redacted]

FS: They got it when?

[redacted]

FS: This morning?

[redacted]

FS: Ok, I'm glad they did, because they called me and said they couldn't do certain things unless they got it.

[redacted]

FS: No, that's all right.

[redacted]

FS: Well, so far as, I don't think so—you haven't got any workers, any canvassers.

[redacted]

FS: I know, but if you'd call up a few unions it might help.

b7c

[redacted]

FS: Well, you should probably call the INDUSTRIAL UNION COUNCIL and tell them.

[redacted]

FS: Maybe he is, but a word from you will mean a lot to...(indistinct word which may be "you" or "them")

[redacted]

FS: Oh, wait a minute. What you could do is to go by the Labor headquarters and just show your face--it would be an excellent idea.

[redacted]

FS: Yes, you should go there to show that PAC is behind POWELL. I mean that would be excellent.

[redacted] b7c

FS: What you should do is call up [redacted] and tell her you would like to come up here.

[redacted]

FS: She's working, yes, on the Labor and Fraternal end at 2065 7th Avenue, that's near 123rd Street. What you should do is tell her you'd like to come up either today or tomorrow.

[redacted]

FS: Yes, it would help.

[redacted]

FS: Yes, she should have the press for you, though.

[redacted]

FS: The press should be there to interview you.

[redacted]

FS: I mean so you can get some story in, you know.

[redacted]

FS: Well, if you can get those guys up here it will be all right, but I don't know whether you can get them up here or not.

[redacted]

FS: Well, they're for him, but whether they'll go or not, I don't know.

[redacted]

FS: So I think you should call [redacted] and tell her you'd like to come up here and that I suggest that she get the press in, and if you can influence those other guys to go along, it would be wonderful.

[redacted]

FS: Ok, will you call her?

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[redacted]

FS: [redacted] phone number is [redacted]

[redacted]

FS: Yes, we're getting help from that quarter.

[redacted]

FS: [redacted] is an old veteran.

[redacted]

FS: Oh yeah?

[redacted]

FS: Yes, you should do that.

[redacted]

FS: Right. Thanks a million.

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Powell Praises Fast's 'Freedom Road'

ADAM POWELL

A review by
ADAM CLAYTON POWELL, Jr.

Howard Fast is a people's writer. He has demonstrated, full with his stories of the life of George Washington, Tom Paine, and others. The appearance of his latest work, Freedom Road, a novel, stamps Mr. Fast unmistakably as one of the great writers of our time.

Freedom Road is woven around the reconstruction period in the South. Its aims are unique in universal and spectacular. It is a story of men—black and white—striving to inherit the earth as free souls.

The central figure is an emancipated slave, Gideon Jackson, in whose life is mirrored all the hope, aspirations and dreams of the millions of black men at the close of the Civil War. He depicts the realization of some of these dreams through the carpet-bagger era, the actual coming to pass of black and whites forging together a real democracy on a former plantation in South Carolina. All of this was defeated by the meanies of former slave-owners, politicians and the Ku Klux Klan. Finally, brute undemocratic force triumphed over real democracy.

GOOD FOR TODAY

The story is timeless. The story is apropos. It is good for those times. It is good for the North as well as the South. The old enemies of democracy still live and the powers of democracy are still growing toward each other. More and more the conflict behind sharpens the irresistible force of black and white marching together, confronting to fair with the forces of reaction—[illegible] privilege.

Gideon Jackson, [illegible] many Negroes who [illegible] Carolina. He was self-taught and marched on until he became a reconstruction Congressman in Washington. He stayed there until the pitiful betrayal of everything that Lincoln stood for by Rutherford B. Hayes. He pleaded with the President of the United States to do something about the march of the Ku Klux Klan which would have made the Reconstruction era a permanent one. But, despite [illegible] and pleading, Hayes refused to do it.

[illegible] Gideon looking at the [illegible] and white armed [illegible] a [illegible] world. Real [illegible] sacrifice that the [illegible] the earth have made all have [illegible] in vain.

There will always be [illegible] and every day the [illegible] are driving closer to the [illegible] of that road. There will always be Gideon Jacksons, and the common people will stand more and more [illegible] them by the help of Congress [illegible] in state legislatures. One day [illegible] will be in every people's war [illegible] the forces of might and power will have finally been [illegible].

Regardless of what Howard Fast may write it should not be assumed Freedom Road is his best, a document which should be [illegible] you are reading [illegible].

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Marcantonio to Speak at ALP Garment Rally

This evening, run in a campaign for membership registration from coast to coast, the city's thousands of needle trades workers will be feted this Thursday night when the Ladies Garment Cloak Club of the American Labor Party holds a rally at rally at Manhattan Center, 8th Ave. and 34th St.

Rep. Vito Marcantonio and Gov. C. Clinton Gowitt, who won Republican, Democratic and American Labor Party nominations for Congress at the primaries in their respective districts, will head a list of outstanding speakers at the meeting which will begin at 6:30 p. m.

Others who will speak on campaign issues and show how needle trades workers can mobilize top support for President Roosevelt and candidates backing his program will include Councilman Michael J. Quill, Rep. Emanuel Celler and Herbert Bloomberg, state secretary of the American Labor Party.

Arnold Ames, executive secretary of the Ladies Garment Center ALP club, will be chairman. The club already counts thousands of needle trades workers among its members, according to Ames.

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Dedicate New Song to Adam C. Powell

Langston Hughes, poet, and Charlie Willet, songwriter and arranger, have collaborated in writing a new song, Let My People Go, NOW!

It was inspired by and is dedicated to the young, militant Congressman-elect, Adam Clayton Powell, Jr., whose picture appears on the cover in a characteristic pose. According to the Text Music Publishing Co., publishers of the song, it should reach the public in about two weeks.

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OWELL SILENT
BOUT DIVORCE

[illegible] Swinging Harlem
[illegible] is the rumor that
Rev. Adam C. Powell, Jr., ou
candidate for Congress from
new 22nd District, pastor
[illegible] of Abyssinian Baptist church
and editor of The People's Voice
is desirous of a divorce from his
estimable, glamorous Mrs. Isabel
Washington Powell, a former dancer
[illegible] whom he married 11 years ago.

The news struck the community
like a thunderbolt, and there is
much speculation as to its authen-
ticity. Despite the efforts of ace
reporter Pittsburgh Courier reporters
with numerous telephone calls to
the Rev. Mr. Powell's residence,
church, and newspaper office, it
has been impossible to establish
the truth of the persistent rumor.

LAWYER MAKES DENIAL

Interviewed at the office of his
church by a Pittsburgh Courier re-
porter, the usually voluble clergy-
man declared, "I have nothing to
say." His lawyer, Atty. Hartman
Nickerson, hastily denied the re-
ports, however, saying, "Absolutely
there is nothing to it ... absolutely
[illegible] separation or the divorce
[illegible]

[illegible] to get information at
[illegible] residence, 409 W. 150th
street, were unavailing, as no ans-
wers were obtained. From the
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Mrs. Powell was not in the city.

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November 4, 1944

MEMORANDUM

Re: REV. ADAM CLAYTON POWELL, JR.
INTERNAL SECURITY-C

Attached hereto is the report of [redacted] b2
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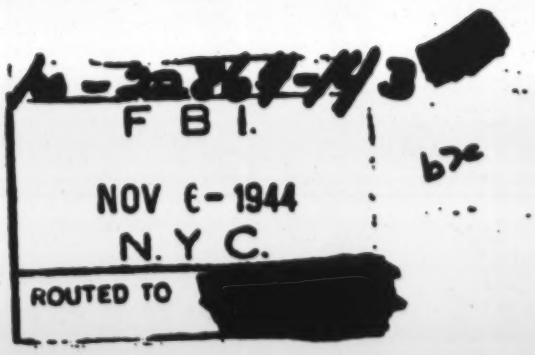

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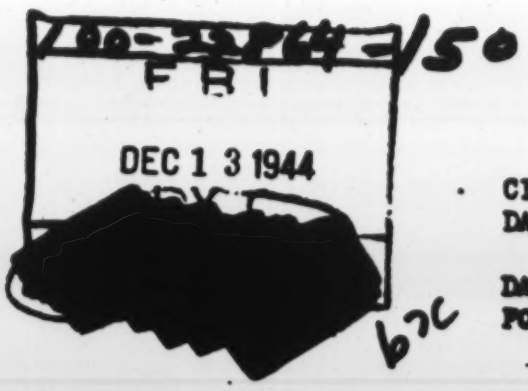

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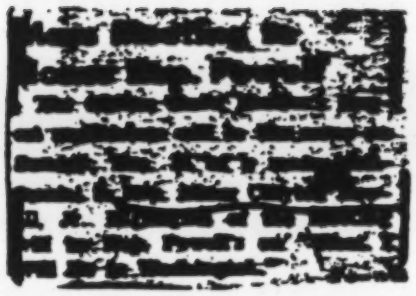

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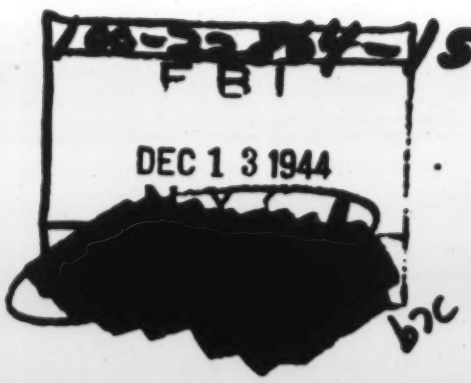

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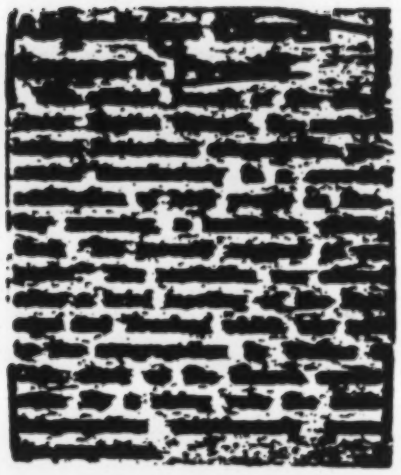

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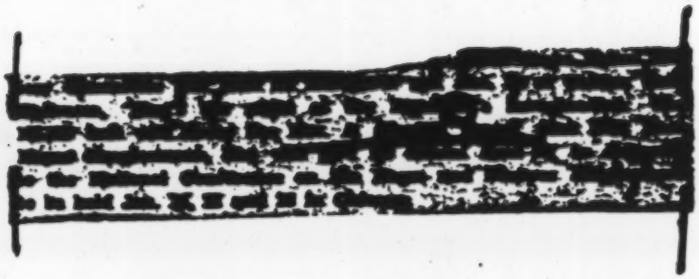

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To Hear Report Wednesday On Alabama Case

[redacted] of Mrs. Recy Taylor, Abbeville, Negro rape victim, will be heard [redacted] following night at 23 West 26th St., the conference called by the Provisional Committee for Justice for Mrs. Recy Taylor, [redacted] report by Eleanor Gordon, Daily Worker reporter.

Mrs. Taylor was abducted by a group of white youths near Abbeville, Ala., more than three months ago, stripped of her clothing, and despite her plea for justice, until last week, had been ignored by Alabama authorities.

Gov. Chauncey Sparks and Attorney General William K. McQueen, last week, told Eugene Gordon in Montgomery that they had begun a thorough and complete investigation of the attack. Gordon interviewed them on his way back from Abbeville, where he had obtained from Mrs. Taylor a detailed account of the assault. He will report to the conference.

Called to organize a permanent committee and to lay plans for a nation-wide campaign in Mrs. Taylor's behalf, the conference will adopt a program aimed at preventing similar attacks in the future and, when they occur, bringing the guilty to justice.

Wednesday's conference will [redacted] up of delegates representing [redacted] union, church, civic, fraternal [redacted] other organizations. More than [redacted] invitations have been sent [redacted]

The committee calls public [redacted] leading, a partial list of sponsors [redacted] Pauline Doby, Birmingham, Ala., the Rev. Stephen [redacted] Detroit, and Mrs. [redacted] Peter V. Cacchione.

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All Harlem Groups Join Sendoff to Powell

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MEMORANDUM

RE: [redacted] with aliases b7c
INTERNAL SECURITY - R

Attached hereto is a three-page leg reflecting a conversation between [redacted] and ADAM CLAYTON POWELL, JR., which took place on November 22, 1944. The information contained herein was furnished by [redacted] b7c b2

It might also be noted that [redacted] referred to herein is [redacted] b7c

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11/22/64
7:37 pm

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FROM: [redacted] ADAM (ph.) b7c
TO: [redacted]

A: [redacted]

A: [redacted] ADAM.

A: Fine pal, how are you? [redacted]

A: That's good. What's on your mind? [redacted]

A: Oh I'm tied up. [redacted]

A: Yeah yeah. [redacted]

A: That's right, as soon as I finish preaching tomorrow I'm going away for the day in the country, I'm going to leave right away, right from the church. [redacted]

A: I don't see how I can do it, have to go downtown now at 6:00. [redacted]

A: I won't get out of that until late and then I have to get up tomorrow morning, preach [redacted]

A: That's right, union service, St. Mark's Methodist. [redacted]

A: That's right, the union service ...(interr.) [redacted]

A: That's right, the old custom thing. I might duck by from there. [redacted]

A: 1:00 o'clock.

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A: About ...(ind.)?

[redacted]

A: About me?

[redacted]

A: Yeah?

[redacted]

A: I see.

[redacted]

A: I'm not alarmed at anything [redacted]

[redacted]

A: Not alarmed, not worried.

[redacted]

A: All right.

[redacted]

A: Well if it doesn't take too long.

[redacted]

A: I see, well I tell you what

[redacted]

A: All right, I didn't know you were in town till last night, [redacted] and I had dinner together.

[redacted]

A: Yes [redacted] and [redacted]

[redacted]

A: I didn't even know that you were there till he told me.

b7c

[redacted]

A: Sure.

[redacted]

A: The sooner the better.

[redacted]

A: That's right.

[redacted]

A: Uhuh, before tomorrow night?

[redacted]

A: OK. How long you going to be home tonight?

[redacted]

A: All right, I'll tell you what I'll do, I'll make a phone call, see if I can't delay my appointment a little bit tomorrow and duck by there now.

[redacted]

A: Because I got to come down that way on the highway anyway.

[redacted]

A: In the next ten minutes.

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A: Sure will.

[redacted]

A: CK [redacted]

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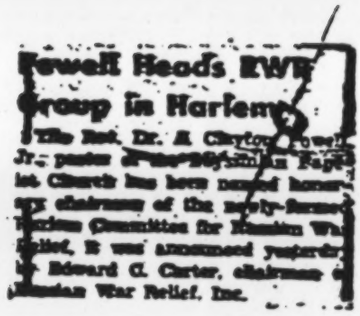

Powell Heads RWB Group in Harlem

The Rev. Dr. A. Clayton Powell, Jr., pastor of the Abyssinian Baptist Church has been named honorary chairman of the newly-formed Harlem Committee for Russian War Relief, it was announced yesterday by Edward C. Carter, chairman of Russian War Relief, Inc.

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Powell Outlines House Fight for Full Equality

Negro Representative Plans G.I. Bill Fight; Thinks Rankin, Bilbo Neighbor

[redacted] the pursuit fight-
[redacted] program to a crowd of 4,000
[redacted] last, testimonial meeting
[redacted] Harlem ballroom yesterday
[redacted] the Rev. Adam C.
Powell Jr., New York's first Negro
[redacted], discussed ridicule his
opposition to racial discrimination
in the United States but went
afield to denounce British colonial
and foreign policy.

On the theme of "international
brotherhood," the six-foot speaker
fought sentiment echo of agree-
ment from his audience, many of
whose were members of his Abys-
sinian Baptist Church, 132 West
138th Street, as he discussed Rep-
resentative John E. Rankin, of
Mississippi, his future seat neigh-
bor in the House, threatened to
run for Governor of Mississippi,
and declared that British voters
would "kick out Churchill and his
whole box of cigars as soon as the
war is over."

His listeners were amused by his
discussion of the circumstances that
will place him and Representative
Rankin, an advocate of white
supremacy, in adjoining seats. The
seats are assigned alphabetically
and Dr. Powell has the last of the
P names and Representative
Rankin the first of the R's.

"Unity in Ruling Rankin"

"One of us is going to be moved,"
said the speaker, making use of a
theological expression, "and it's
not going to be me, because I'm
already saved. I'm going to help
this Rankin, until he's drowned in
sweat."

Thinking that the poll tax bill
"disgraceful" with only 4,000,000
Negroes, 1/2 also [redacted] white
people, he said, "the day the poll
tax is abolished, I'm going to
have Bilbo and get to Mississippi
and follow the Governor of the state.

[redacted] struggle all-
[redacted] sentiment in the Golden
Golden Rule, all Democrats
at least which, but he
political trouble, stood
[redacted]

[redacted] Dr. Powell was elected under a
coalition of all parties, and the
meeting drew representatives from
various political organizations and
social organizations. The chair-
man was James Pemberton, Dem-
ocratic chairman of the 14th Con-

[redacted] Powell
will represent. Among those who
sent messages expressing regret
that they could not attend were
Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt,
President Henry A. Wallace,
Bishop F. Wagner,
[redacted] New York.

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